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## HOMECOMING QUEEN



EMILY EONTA, a senior, was named Quaker Valley High School's homecoming queen at Saturday's dance. The crowning ceremony, usually held during Friday's football game, was postponed due to lightning and inclement weather.

Photo by Tim Edmonson

## LEETSDALE

### Resident asks for help with crime concerns

By Laura Halleman

Staff writer

"I'm tired of the drug addicts. I am tired of the prostitution," Emily Lowen told Leetsdale council members at a meeting this month.

It's not the first time Lowen, a Broad Street resident, has expressed her concern over an area near her home that has become a magnet for drug users and drug activity in the neighborhood.

Last month a frustrated Lowen erected signs in her yard stating "Children Playing, All Drug Activity Will Be Reported" and "Drug Free Zone."

Leetsdale Police Chief Shawn Fleming told council earlier this month he took down at least one sign in Lowen's yard.

Lowen was ordered to take the remaining signs down because they violated the borough's sign ordinance.

The borough's sign ordinance was sketchy at best, however, and some members of council were not certain if Lowen had violated the ordinance.

According to Lowen, Fleming told her the signs give the borough police department a bad name.

"Sgt. Fleming told me that I am his biggest problem in Leetsdale," she said.

"I had nothing to do with those signs coming down," said council president Linda Sovich and added she understood her frustration.

Lowen told council if they did not want her signs up warning

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## REGION

## Area group still battling Wal-Mart

By Andrea L. Zrimsek

Gateway associate editor

Apparently the members of Communities First! do not believe the old adage of not being able to fight city hall.

In the latest step in a more than three-year battle over the old Dixmont State Hospital site, the group has filed an appeal in Commonwealth Court asking to be granted legal standing with PennDOT.

"We just want to be able to present our case to PennDOT. We're not asking for a ruling on the case," says Bob Keir, Communities First! spokesperson.

The group filed this appeal after being told by PennDOT it did not fit into its definition of someone who can be granted standing and thus cannot present its case before the state group.

A distinction Keir says is done to keep people from questioning PennDOT decisions and to avoid frivolous lawsuits.

"We understand not wanting to be sued, but we have solid data to show the developer's data is wrong," Keir says.

The data to which Keir is referring is the traffic study done by ASC Development.

Keir says ASC has significantly underestimated the amount of traffic a Wal-Mart Supercenter will add to the already overburdened Route 65.

This incorrect data, Keir says, is because the developer used the Trip Generation Manual from 1997. Using this edition, ASC expects to add an additional 12,000 trips per day to the roadway.

Using the updated 2004 version of the manual, Keir says the data shows the number of additional daily trips is more like 19,000.

"When the difference is 50 percent you have to reconsider," he says.

While the original plan may have been filed before the newer version was printed, Keir feels that since approval was not granted until 2004 that ASC should be bound by the

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By Dona S. Dreeland

Editor

"We've all gone to weddings, parties and stadium events," said Kevin Flannery, Sewickley borough manager and emergency management coordinator.

"When did we start looking for the exit signs when we arrive?"

With the question asked, he answered. "After the fire in the nightclub in Connecticut."

On Feb. 20, 2003, The Station nightclub in West Warwick, Conn., caught fire. There were no sprinklers or plans for emergency evacuation. In the end, 100 patrons were dead, and the two club owners were indicted on 200 counts each of involuntary manslaughter.

Awareness of tragedy makes us pay attention. Ant these days, tragedies, both major and minor, can be recalled in a horrifying list.

Preparedness is key, as the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina has proven.

Since the 1980s, Sewickley Borough has had some kind of emergency plan in place. In 1994 a detailed operations plan, as required by the state, has been on file, ready for any critical incident that affects the community and its neighbors.

With a review and updates completed every two years, the plan, due for revision this January, details possible threats and the procedures and personnel necessary for restoring order.

Having taken its lead from Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency directives and coordinated with Allegheny County, Sewickley's plan begins by identifying emergency situations.

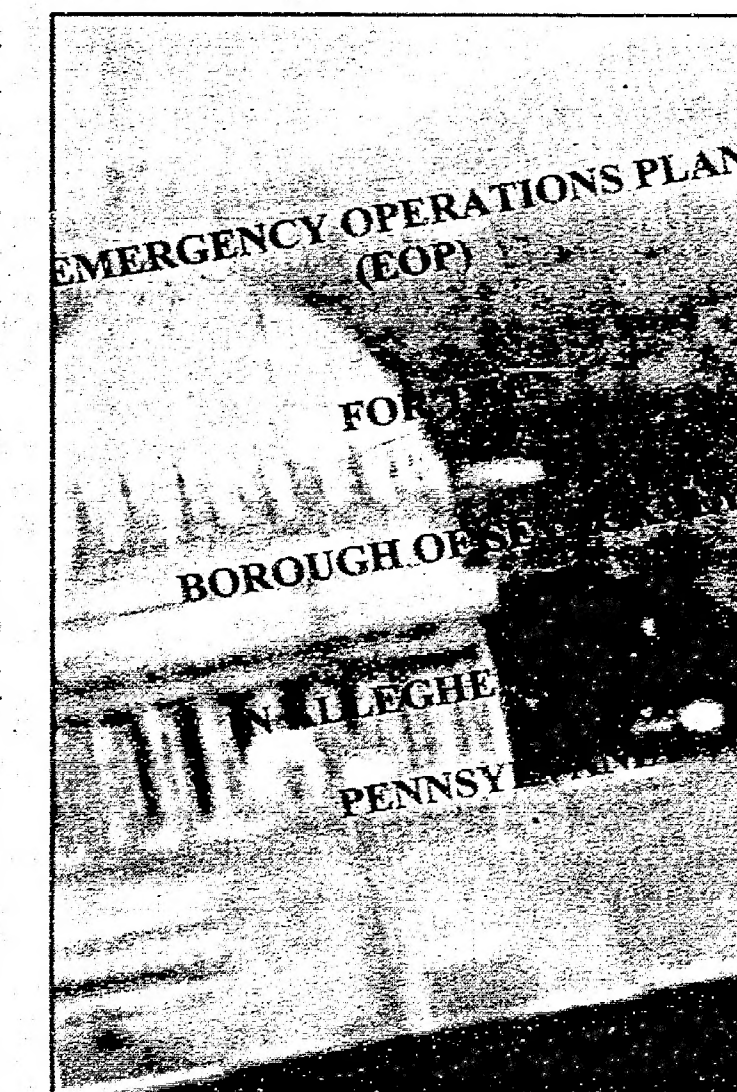
"An emergency," Flannery said, "is anything that causes a serious disruption in the normal operation of life."

Water main breaks, gas line ruptures or a building collapse qualify.

And while hurricanes are not a possibility here, flooding is.

## EMERGENCY PLANNING

## Communities file plans for disaster response



Also of concern are critical incidents involving the transportation of goods via Rt. 65 and the railroad. In addition, tornadoes, micro-bursts, explosions and acts of terrorism fit the definition.

Whatever the disruption, the plan affords immediate contact information for government and community officials who will be engaged in protecting "the lives and property of the citizens in the event of a natural, technological or terrorism emergency," as the document reads.

As emergency management coordinator, Flannery, who earned a master's degree from the University of Pittsburgh in emergency management, would act on behalf of the elected officials. His role would be to mobilize resources and personnel as required. He would also stay in touch with county officials as the situation warrants.

## COMMUNITY RESPONSE

Each of the Quaker Valley communities is required to prepare an emergency plan. Each plan begins with the determination of the most likely kinds of emergencies that might occur.

In Aleppo, Mary Louise Bittner, interim township manager, is the emergency coordinator.

Having experienced some flooding and a landslide when Hurricane Ivan passed through last year, residents

also might experience storm

or drought damage, tornadoes or barge/tanker truck accidents with hazardous materials.

In Edgeworth, according to Marty McDaniel, emergency coordinator, plans will help residents deal with major weather emergencies, train derailments or hazardous spills on Rt. 65. With a reverse-911 phone system, the borough would update each resident of the emergency.

In Sewickley Heights, weather emergencies are con-

sidered in the borough's plan, according to Bill Rohe, borough manager. High winds and micro-bursts might affect property owners.

The Heights' emergency team would be available to assist other townships or boroughs in need.

In Sewickley Hills, Norbert Miklos, Ohio Township police chief, is the emergency coordinator.

Weather emergencies are most likely in this bedroom community, he said, followed

by I-79 accidents involving toxic chemicals.

Flooding emergencies near the creeks and the river figure prominently in many of our remaining communities.

Leetsdale officials would have added concerns with emergencies in the industrial park and along the railroad.

This year, the standardized National Incident Management System, part of the Homeland Security Directive, will need to be implemented in all emergency plans.

Suppose there was a train wreck with a toxic chemical spill, Flannery queried.

"Would there be need for evacuation? Would the Sewickley Bridge be shut down? Would the hospital be in jeopardy?"

"The county would be involved first," he said, since winds or water would not keep the deadly chemicals confined.

Any call for mutual aid within the Sewickley Valley area and from without is guaranteed.

Each surrounding township and borough has its own emergency coordinator, and all plans are registered with the county's emergency services department.

In addition to coordination procedures, vulnerable facilities are identified, whether school, hospital or water treatment plant, and each plan lists contact numbers for immediate communication.

Municipal resources also are listed from available personnel to vehicles, special tools and supplies.

The plan is a ready reference for borough officials who would exercise control over the mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery phases of any emergency.

"We have good policies and excellent police, fire and public works personnel," Flannery assured. "When they are called in, they deliver a service."



## Help plan yuletide celebration

A special meeting will be held today (Wednesday) at 8:30 a.m. at Sewickley Municipal Building to help plan this year's Yuletide in the Village celebration.

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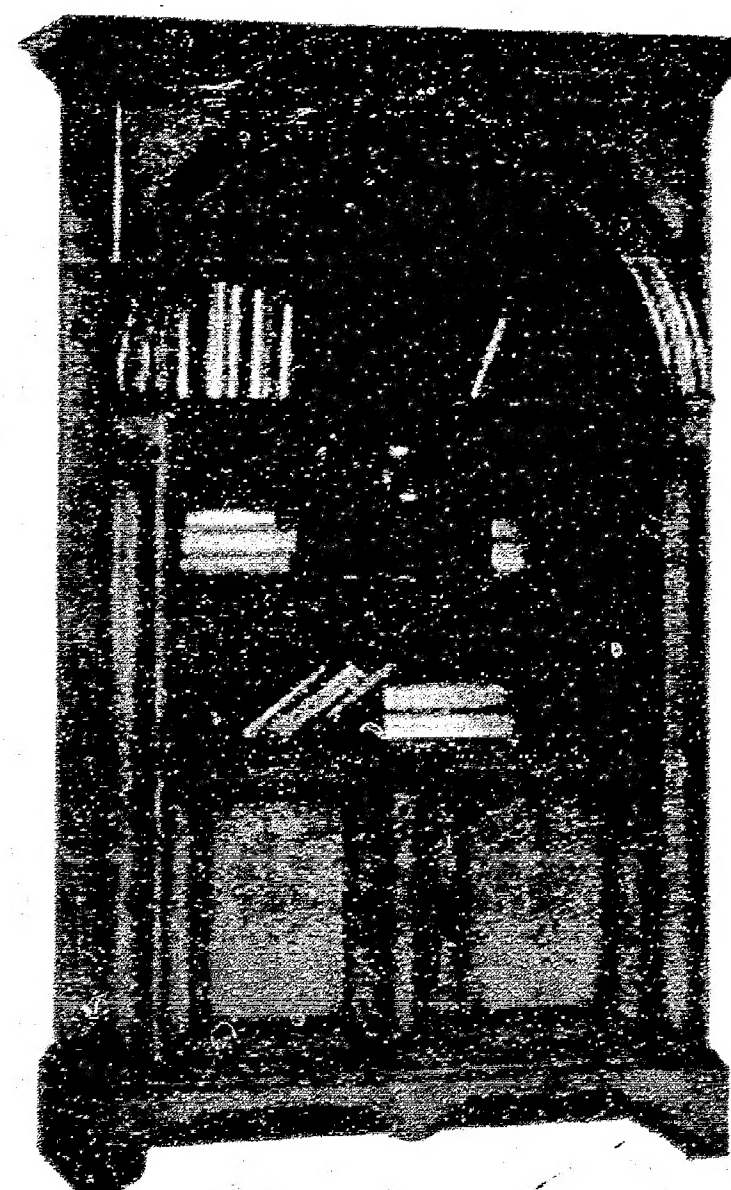
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## LEETSDALE Resident wants council's support

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of the drug activity then "No loitering" signs needed to be posted in the area.

People shooting up outside, drug dealing during the day and night have become a constant at the corner of Rapp Street and Ohio River Boulevard, said Lowen.

And now that school is back in session, children in the area are exposed to the problem even more.

Lowen and another resident asked council at the very least to have a police officer at the school bus stop in the early morning hours.

"At 7 a.m. people are still prostituting when our kids are standing at the bus stop. Drug addicts are still out at that time.... It's unacceptable for kids to see this," Lowen said.

Sovich said the situation was unacceptable and called for a public safety meeting to be scheduled with the police department in attendance.

"We need to get together and come up with some ideas," said Sovich.

Council member and public safety chairperson Joseph McGurk said he intended to personally go to the bus stop to see for himself what is occurring.

"I haven't spoken with Shawn, so this is all new to me," said McGurk.



**A LEETSDALE resident has taken her stand against crime happening on her street.**

Photo by Jon Paul Creese

However, he added, "What she (Lowen) is describing is pretty much true."

Leetsdale has four full-time police officers, including the police chief, said McGurk.

Adding another police officer to the department was not an option due to lack of funds.

Although, Allegheny County detectives and borough police have made some arrests for drug activity in the borough,

McGurk said the problem is "the individuals get busted, post bail and are back out on the streets in no time."

As of last week, Lowen said a police officer was stationed at the bus stop the morning after the council meeting.

Since then, there has been no police presence as children board the bus for school.

Numerous calls to Fleming were not returned.



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## REGION



## Group appeals, seeks status

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most recent facts and figures.

ASC was contacted for comment but did not return calls before the Herald deadline.

Although ASC has agreed to make improvements such as widening Ohio River Boulevard, installing traffic signals and other improvements, Keir says the plan "barely" fits the existing highway infrastructure and if developed as proposed, the site will end up using state tax money.

"We're not going away," Keir says. "If we lose, we'll appeal again. We know we can get standing."

## QV working to improve student health, wellness

By Andrea L. Zrimsek

Gateway associate editor

Study after study continues to show poor nutrition and lack of physical exercise lead to obesity.

An unhealthy lifestyle also can lead to learning disabilities, absenteeism and problems both psychological and social.

## MENU MATTERS

And now school districts everywhere are beginning to take a more active role in the overall health of their students.

With the start of the 2005-06 school year, Quaker Valley School District has begun implementing a new health and wellness action plan that includes everything from removal of carbonated sodas from vending machines to teaching students how to cook healthy foods.

"Schools have a commitment to do what's right for the kids," says Betsy Klasnick, Quaker Valley food services coordinator.

Even though the district provides only five meals per week to students, Klasnick says it recognizes what it does for those five meals can influence the choices students make for the other 17 meals they eat every week.

To begin its program toward better



**GOT MILK? QV kids do and they have lots of flavors to choose from.**

health and fitness for all, Quaker Valley convened a health and wellness committee in October of last year.

Comprised of principals, doctors, residents, nurses and various other members

of the community, the committee developed a three-year action plan to instill a healthy lifestyle in kids to carry over into adulthood.

One of the first items set to be changed were vending machines. The high school used to have three beverage machines stocked full of Coca-Cola products, most of which are loaded with sugar and caffeine.

Although these machines operated on timers that prohibited sales during class time, they were still thought to be something that should be changed.

Sodas, diet sodas and high-sugar sports drinks have been replaced with water, juices, teas and a lower calorie and lower sugar sports drinks, and Klasnick says she has yet to hear "Where's the Coke?"

In fact, she says there has been some talk about possibly allowing students to bring these new healthy beverages to class.

The district feels so strongly about eliminating unhealthy beverages that even the vending machines in the district's administrative offices will see some changes in product. Machines in the teachers lounges are not maintained by the district and thus will not be changed.

Another change thirsty students will notice concerns milk.

At the high school, the milk vending machine has been moved from the cafeteria.

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**HENRIETTA KRETZLER**  
Leetsdale

"I think it would be hilarious because of the jokester students we have."



**ANITA COYNE**  
Leetsdale

"It would definitely be something like 'Survivor'."



**CHRISTIAN MILLER**  
Quaker Heights

"It would be insane. We have a lot of funny kids."



**KYLE TAYLOR**  
Leetsdale

"It would be hilarious."



**DEJA GOOSBY**  
Leetsdale

"It would be funny. It'd be about our football team, our cheerleaders and how we're getting better."

## EDITORIAL

### New Web site provides new chat forum

By Dona S. Dreeland

Editor

We've moved — again. Not our office location but our Web site.

www.yoursewickley.com is our new address and a visit here can bring you instantly closer to your neighbors in the Sewickley community.

What the site offers is conversation. Along with event listings, stories about Herald newsmakers and photos from around the town, registrants can post information about upcoming events or engage in dialogue about news on the local or national scene.

As a cooperative venture of the Herald and PittsburghLIVE.com, which are both operated by Total Trib Media, yoursewickley.com was designed to be interactive.

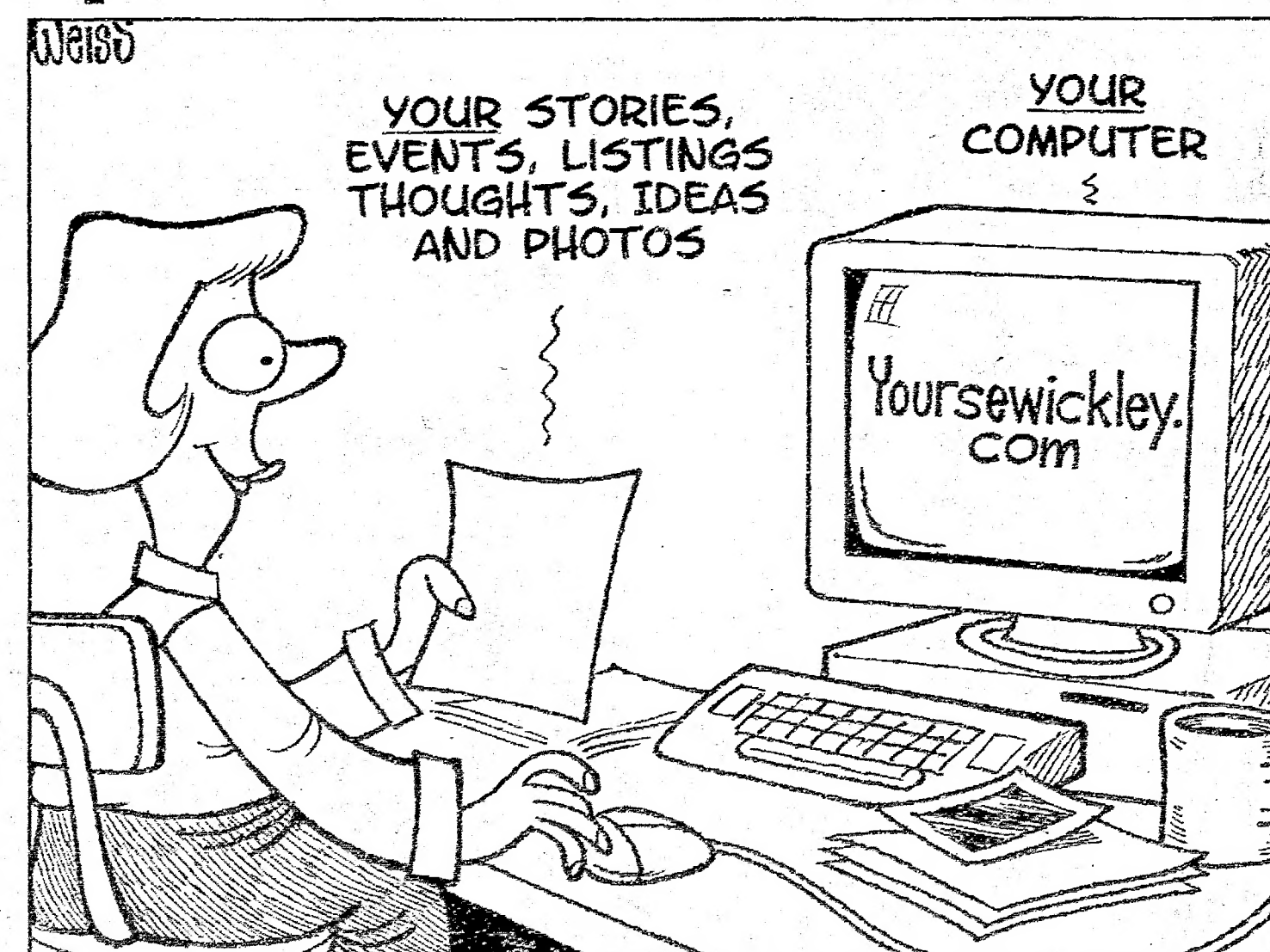
It is the first of a series of community sites to be launched later this year.

After five month's research and the efforts of a dedicated web staff, the site is up and running.

First week statistics show the concept is catching the curiosity of our readers. More than 11,000 viewers logged on. They visited six or more pages and spent an average of 3.21 minutes engaged in a self-guided tour of all things Sewickley.

Stories from the Herald are there and an events calendar offers a list of activities day by day.

News about the Sewickley area is available from many sources.



All who register will be able to share information about their neighborhoods, community groups, churches, sports activities and family.

Photos are welcomed, too.

And those who want to share their thoughts on whatever topic can post them in the blog section.

Yoursewickley.com is a high-tech voice added to the conversation the community has had with itself through the

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"It's hoped that yoursewickley.com will become an integral part of the Sewickley area's community life, just as the Herald is part of the community fabric," said Mark Whittaker, director of online and interactive services.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Your emergency supplies have arrived

Dear Readers,

I would like to say thank you to each and every generous donor for the outpouring donations of toiletries, baby items and medicines we recently received.

As a Girl Scout patch/postcard trader, I am in touch with leaders all over the country. Via a New York leader, I received an e-mail request from the Louisiana GS Council in Baton Rouge for desperately needed items of daily life.

I passed the needs to more than 50 Girl Scout leaders here in our Sewickley Community, encouraging them to spread the word and spread it, they did.

Friends passed along the message to friends, some of whom started collection drives at their schools and community clubs.

Maria Swanson and I acted as "drop off points." It was thrilling to empty the contributions for the victims of Katrina day after day.

One evening at the Swanson house, Kent and Sylvia McGaughey (GS leaders), their daughters, Maria Swanson and her daughters, and myself sorted, packed and labeled 21 boxes. We were astounded with the magnitude of these donations. (Little did we know!!!) The initial gathering was taken to Parcel Post here in Sewickley and soon it was on its way to Baton Rouge.

However, we were not done. In the next week, we accumulated an overwhelming 46 more boxes of items. The generosity left us all speechless and so proud to be, not only a Girl Scout Leader, but a member of this community.

Late Thursday night I received an e-mail of gratitude from Christy Reeves, the CEO of the Louisiana GS Council. The hurricane affected her personally (her brother's house was totally



destroyed) and she had already distributed many products to those in need.

She, too, was overwhelmed at the Glen Oaks Girl Scout collection.

Smiling as I responded, "You ain't seen nothin' yet," explaining the Girl Scouts, as well as the local schools, were sending down almost three times as many items as first received.

Now it is my turn to say thank you to all of you who carried, collected, shopped and delivered.

I have been involved in the Girl Scout Community for 11 years and in this time, I have found support, encouragement, camaraderie and true kindness of spirit.

Once again, I asked and you came through.

Together, we can make our own silver lining on every dark cloud.

Barbara Cooley Thaw

Glen Oaks Girl Scout Community Facilitator

## YOUR VIEWS

### Downsizing the Legislature

Gateway Newspapers/League of Women Voters Reader Survey

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## District focuses on healthy lifestyle

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### MENU MATTERS

ria to the hallway next to the other beverage machine so students can access it at all times. This is something that has been met with nothing but positive comments.

These machines, containing a mix of healthy milks, teas and waters, have increased in popularity at all four schools.

Changes also are taking place on the food lines. The district quit deep frying several years ago and now offers many oven baked items, one of the most popular being French fries.

Even though sales of fries are high every day, the district has decided to offer such salty goodies a few times a week in favor of featuring more vegetable and fruit side dishes.

Other healthy alternatives also are being offered more regularly.

Klasnick says the school must meet a targeted weekly average of 821 calories for high school and middle school and 654 calories for elementary school. Some days are higher in calories and some are lower.

While these numbers may seem high to those who've never tried losing a few pounds, these numbers are set by the USDA.

"Kids need to have more calories," Klasnick says, "and we try to get one-third of the requirements of fat, calories

and protein set by the USDA." The district also is bringing in healthier snacking alternatives such as granola bars, breakfast bars and low-calories snack treats.

Snack vending machines have been removed from buildings because most of the selections also are offered on the lunch lines.

"We're trying to put out good choices," says Klasnick, who has been in food service for 29 years.

And while these choices are great for the 65 percent of the 1,915 QV students who buy a full lunch or a la carte selections, there is still that 35 percent of students who bring food from home.

Klasnick is hoping those students will see the good choices students who buy their lunch are making and learn from them.

Plus, all districts must be compliant to the Federal Child Nutrition and Lunch Reauthorization Act by October 2006.

To encourage healthy living for all, the Monday Memo sent out by the district includes a health tip as does the school lunch menu. The lunch menu also picks out one day's food and breaks down its nutritional content so parents and students can see the calories, fat, carbs and protein.

The health and wellness committee also set forth plans outside of the cafeteria.

Dr. Velma Saire, acting assistant superintendent, says the whole district is in the beginning stages of encouraging a curriculum-wide message of "healthy living."

Part of that plan includes the addition of 12-week programs in the middle school that focus on healthy cooking, how to prepare fresh foods, eating disorders, reading labels and safety in the kitchen.

This theme is also carried over into other classes such as family sciences. Instead of making muffins or other sweet treats as part of class, students are making healthy dishes.

"If we didn't combine it, we could be faced with a real dichotomy of teaching kids to eat healthy then having them make cupcakes," Saire says. "We're practicing what we're prescribing."

By the end of the three-year period, QV expects to have more exercise opportunities for kids during lunch breaks, a health and wellness Web site, upgraded physical education facilities and after-school exercise programs.

"The district is really rethinking everything — from what is sold in the store to what is being sold as fund-raisers to the activity level of the students," Klasnick says. "And I think the kids are starting to get it."

### SHARING



**GIVING WAS** on the minds of many who attended Friday's QVHS Homecoming Football Game. (Above) Rich Ruperto and Lara Backus, QV 10th grader, helped Rick Essey (below) load the Pitt Express truck bound for the Gulf Coast.



## Local children assist victims

In just one week, the 37 students of Montessori Children's Community of Sewickley raised

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"We did this so they could survive," said third-year student Bailey Tyler.

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## Tennis court opens for fall season

AT PLAY

"Welcome back to tennis" said the T-shirts handed out at the grand opening of the newly refurbished tennis court at the Sewickley Community Center on Chadwick Street.

After a four-month renovation project, the tennis court, which was built in 1952, was completely refurbished for use by the After-School Program children and general membership.

A new surface, fences and posts were installed, and the landscaping was completed.

The court has a dual use through the tennis/volleyball net system.

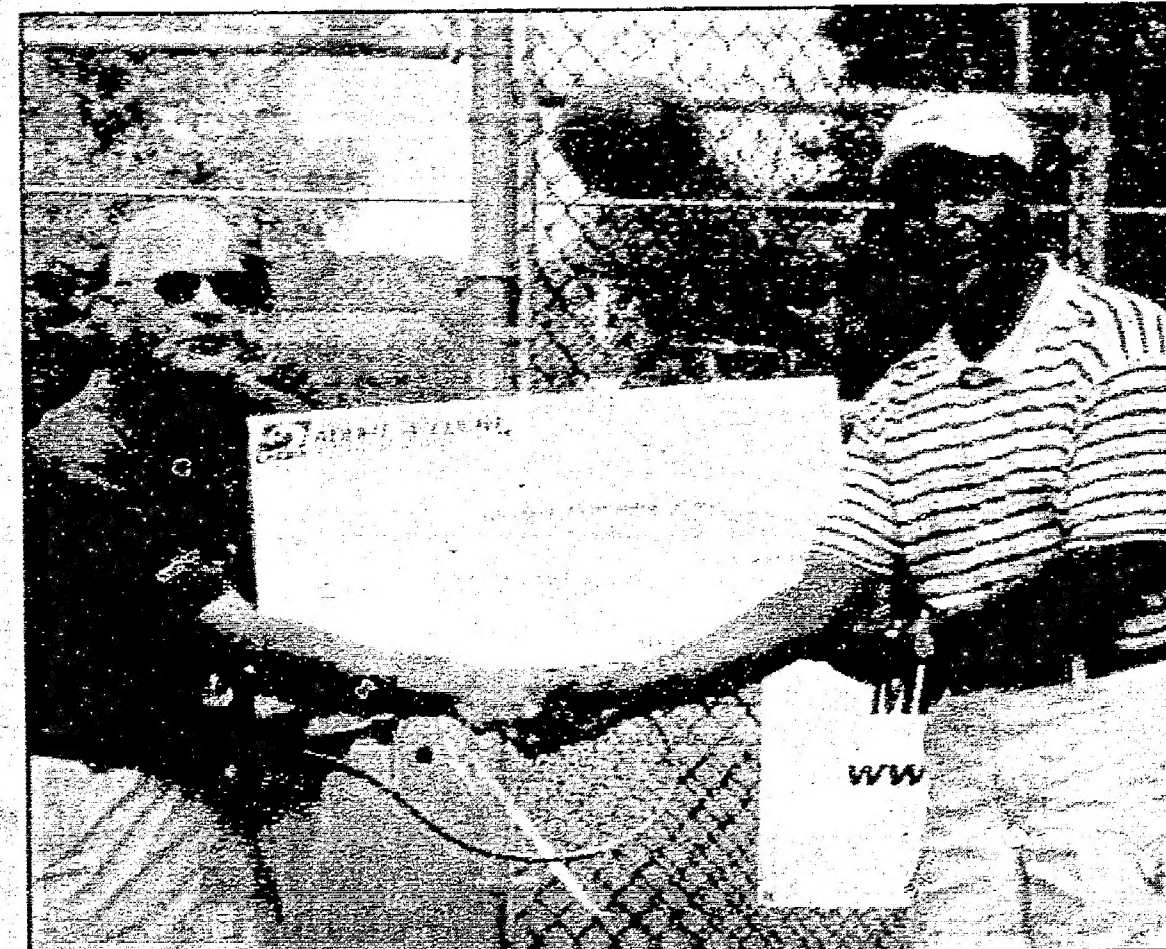
It is a hard court which allows the fastest play. Bob Ruzanic, a representative of The United States Tennis Association (USTA), assisted with the design and implementation of the plans.

Jim Jackson and Ron Gebhardt spearheaded the project with both sweat equity and fund-raising.

"Mr. Jackson was instrumental in dealing with contractors, as well as helping to remove the old rusting metal fencing and posts.

He and Ron Gebhardt also removed many of the trees and bushes which had grown and leaned onto the old court," said Lois Rush, a board member.

Gebhardt spearheaded a fund-raising campaign with more than 40 donors, including major grants from the Edgar Grey Memorial Fund, The Sewickley Community Center Service Club and USTA.



**CELEBRATING THE opening of the new tennis courts at Sewickley Community Center are Bob Ruzanic (on left) and Jim Jackson.**

He was able to raise more than \$40,000 for the restoration. Gebhardt had served on the board. Jackson is a current, active board member.

The opening ceremonies included recognition of those who were involved directly with the renovation project.

Bettie Cole, local historian, described the history of the court and the center. The new court was then dedicated in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Grey, whose memorial fund provided the seed money for the refurbishing endeavor.

Dr. Patricia Grey, from Sewickley, and her brother,

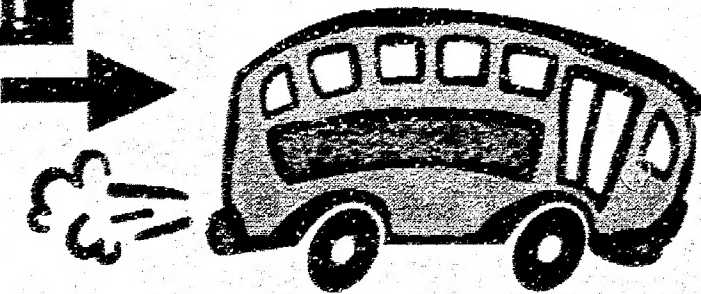
Richard, from Philadelphia represented the Grey family with the honor of cutting the ribbon that stretched across the court gate.

With the tennis court completed, Sewickley Community Center continues to grow as a community asset.

Its programs include a quickly growing After-School program, summer camp, a food pantry and now tennis availability.

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# TEMPO

## BACK IN TIME



**THE GLORY days of Sewickley Heights, — its hunt, hounds, history and good living — will be celebrated on Saturday, Oct. 1, during the "Riding and Driving Party" fund-raiser at Sewickley Heights History Center.**

## SHHC revisits fabled 'Riding and Driving Parties'

by Jon Paul Creese

Staff writer

**A**lmost a century has passed since Sewickley Heights enjoyed what could arguably be described as the borough's heyday, when wealthy industrialists on vacation from Allegheny City (today's North Shore) would throw lavish "Riding and Driving" parties.

Hundreds of folks from all over attended the annual summer event that included a fox hunt by the Sewickley Hunt, a parade of automobiles and carriages, and a nationally recognized horse and carriage show at Allegheny Country Club.

A parade of Austins, Stanley Steamers, Model T's, Simplexes and other brass-era cars wound its way along Blackburn Road and ended at Franklin Farms, where participants enjoyed a lavish dinner and dancing party.

The big industrialists are gone, as are, for the most part, the large estates and mansions that have been subdivided and torn down.

But all is not lost. The spirit of the "good old days" lives on. And the Sewickley Heights History Center will revisit them this year with its benefit, "A Riding and Driving Party," modeled

after the traditions of the early 1900s.

The benefit will be held Saturday, Oct. 1, starting at 4 p.m. and will include dinner and cocktails. The cost is \$50 per person.

The idea is to bring the center's mission of relating the borough's rich history to the forefront of the community.

**"It's important** to let people in the Sewickley area know about the lifestyles and traditions that existed," says Whitney Snyder, son of the late G. Whitney Snyder, who gifted 33-plus acres of the original Snyder Farm, on which the historical and nature centers sit, to the borough.

"Any way we can keep them going and honor them is important."

Snyder is active in bringing to fruition the dying wishes of his father, whose dream it was to preserve the borough's history and provide it a place where residents and families could enjoy the beautiful country.

**"Before he died,** I had a memorable conversation with him," Snyder says. "He told me what he wanted to see happen for the future. I decided I would do whatever I could to make sure his dream is carried out."

Along the way, Snyder discovered he shared his father's passion for the town.

"I want people to know what a special place it was," he says. "It's fascinating to tell the story."

Some of the antique automobiles, restored and donated to the history center by G. Whitney, include a 1921 Austin he drove during his college days.

G. Whitney, the borough's second president after his father, also Whitney, who served as the first, took special care to preserve his collection of cars.

"He loved the brass-era cars of the pre-1920s," Snyder says.

**"He liked** cars that had a Pittsburgh link to them. He didn't like the real fancy ones that were the most opulent."

Along with displaying cars, carriages and horses, the benefit also will focus on the borough's history from its beginnings to the exploits of successful American industrialists who eventually settled there in magnificent estates.

A film highlighting the Heights' golden years will be shown.

Old photographs will line the walls. Live music in the arrangement of early 20th century tradition will add a nostalgic touch to the event.

History center director Joe McLean says the benefit goes a long way to support the center's mission and is excited

about other new upcoming events.

"A lot has changed," McLean says of the 3-year-old center. "There is a lot going on right now."

**In addition to the benefit and its annual Family Fun Day,** the center is planning a fall festival for late October.

A colorful topographical map display of the fabled Rea gardens at Farmhill and surrounding areas (as seen from a hot air balloon) is in the works, as is a mural detailing some of the long-forgotten aspects of the borough, which is being painted by local artist Richard Smith.

McLean also is planning to re-cut the film, adding more footage and stream lining it in the process.

"All of these people came out of the woodwork with films," he says of the more than 100 reels of old home movies donated by residents.

**McLean appreciates** and mirrors the enthusiasm residents are showing for the center's latest endeavors, particularly the first annual Riding and Driving parties of the past.

"With all of the things going away in this day and age," McLean says, "it's really important to have a center like this."

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- 5) It's frustrating when you know all the answers but nobody ever bothers to ask you the questions.
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## UPCOMING



AT THE bake oven, one of the Old Economy re-enactors demonstrates the old baking process.

## Erntefest celebrates its season of harvest

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Visitors will be able to taste Economy's famous homemade concord grape and harvest pies and authentic German food.

Families will experience the food-ways of the 1800s as they help prepare cheese, sausage and ginger beer.

They also are invited to churn butter and to make apple schnitz and cider.

Traditional craftsmen will work their trades, portraying a Harmonist broom maker, meat smoker, bread baker, cooper, blacksmith and beer maker.

Other trades performed in Economy nearly 200 years ago also will be demonstrated.

Visitors will experience the process of straw hat making, bee keeping, weaving and the production of silk and wine.

Children of all ages will be able to try their hand at historic chores like pressing grapes, pumping water, rope making and barrel rolling.

A musical presentation will be presented by the 1830s Economy Orchestra and Old Economy Village Singers.

The ticket office and admission entrance is located in the Visitor Center at 270 Sixteenth St. in Ambridge.

The cost is \$7 per adult and \$4 for children 4-17 years of age. For more information call 724-266-4500, Ext. 108 or e-mail: ra-oldeconomy@state.us.org.

A written account of Erntefest or the Harvest-Home Celebration as it was known in the 19th century comes from Charles Nordhoff.

In 1874, he visited Economy with the express intent to write a book.

"On festival occasions, the Harmonists assembled in the Great Hall and there, after singing and addresses, a feast was served.

"An elaborate kitchen adjacent to the hall was used for the purpose of preparing these feasts, while in the two great cellars nearby there were fine large wine-casks which would make a Californian envious, so well built are they."

## CONTINUING EDUCATION

## Sewickley Public Library hosts SeniorNet computer club

By Andrea L. Zrimsek

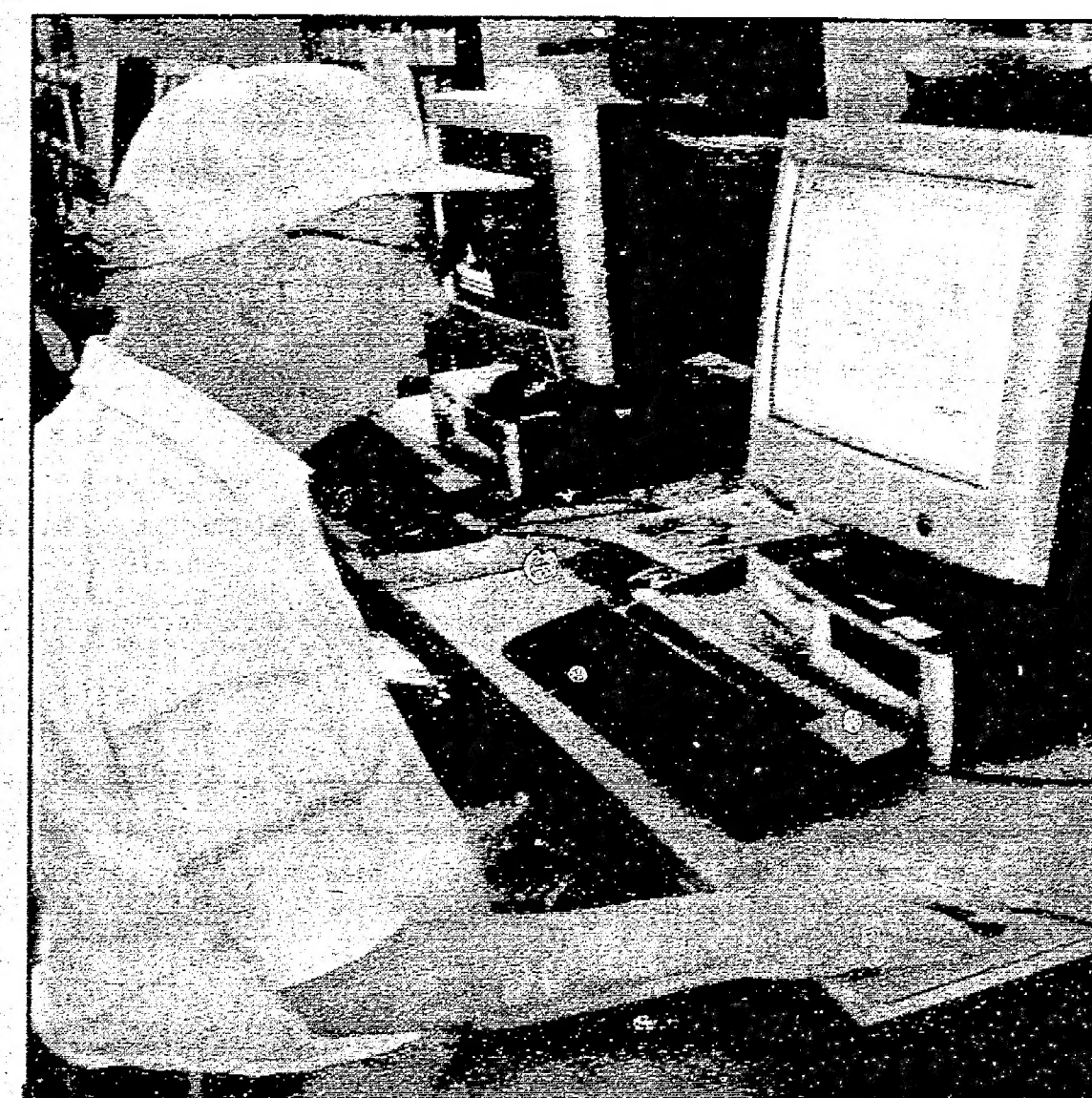
Gateway associate editor

Whether it's figuring out how to attach a document to an e-mail, avoiding hard-drive destroying viruses or moving files around on a desktop, when a computer problem pops up, seniors tend to be the ones most apt to just turn off the machine and wait until one of their children comes home for Christmas to fix it. In the meantime, they are missing out on all of the advantages of using a home computer.

To help avoid this, Lutheran Services Society has developed the SeniorNet program. This group meets from 10 a.m. to noon on the first Tuesday of every month in the community room at Sewickley Public Library.

The free, drop-in group for those over age 50 works together to address and to find solutions to an array of computer problems.

"We offer continuing support



SENIOR CITIZEN Walt Zimmerman knows his way around a computer.

Photo by Andrea L. Zrimsek

for seniors who have mastered the fundamentals of a computer but run into different problems such as downloading attachments or transferring files," instructor Norm Mast says.

The group is driven by the needs and problems of those who attend each month. And this, of course, changes as the group changes and as the technology changes and improves.

Once a specific problem is identified, Mast does not just offer up the answer and move on. Instead, he works with the entire class to figure out the issue and how to resolve it.

This way, students can take the hands-on, problems-solving skills home and apply them if, and when, they are faced with the same problem.

"We have a wide range of people and everyone works together to find a solution," Mast says.

While instructing the classes, Mast takes care to look into no-cost solutions to problems as

well as ways to make the whole computer experience easier and more comfortable for all seniors.

And in the month between sessions, Mast invites all students to call or e-mail him if they run into any new problems while on the computer.

The next class, on Monday, Oct. 3, will focus on Microsoft spy ware antivirus-beta version.

Registration is not necessary and there is no fee or no commitment.

Even the minimum age requirement is not really enforced.

Mast says anyone who thinks they may need some help can just show up and join in. Classes usually range in size from 15-20 students, and many return for more than one class.

For more information on the SeniorNet Computer Club, call Mast at LSS at 412-734-9330.

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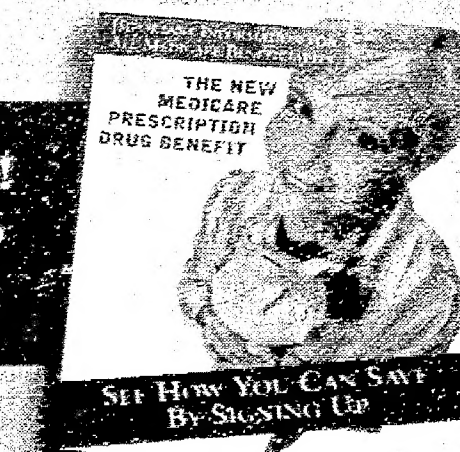
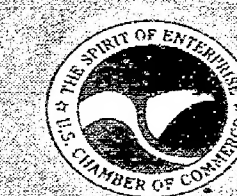
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The Sewickley Gallery invites all to a new exhibit of watercolors by international artist and architect Victor Beltran. In addition to exhibiting fresh scenes of Pittsburgh and Sewickley, Victor will introduce paintings and limited edition prints of these locales from circa 1920. Victor has a lively use of watercolor which lends itself to the bright colors of Sewickley and the impressive architecture of downtown Pittsburgh.

The Sweetwater Center for the Arts will hold a reception introducing its Mavuno Festival 2005.

The Sewickley Library will hold an artist reception displaying calligraphy by Gayle

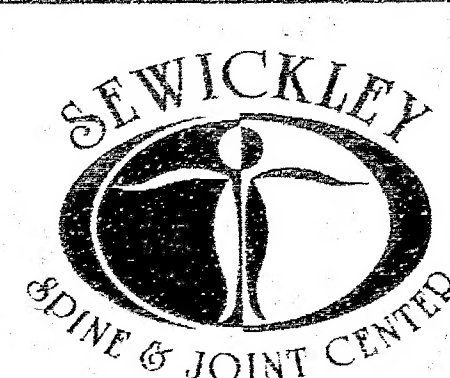
Reed. Gayle is a former art teacher who enjoys working with a variety of media, including calligraphy, drawing, painting, relief printing, polymer clay, and paper maché.

International Images Gallery will offer work by mixed media works by Ukrainian Artist & philosopher Lucien Dulfan, originally from the Ukrainian seaport city of Odessa. During the Soviet era of his life, Dulfan painted with bright colors and created his art in series. These bright colors faded upon his immigration. Believing in immortalizing his surrounding world, this unique artist chose to focus on three colors only:

black, white and ochre with accents of gold.

The Bird In The Hand Gallery will have a variety of paintings and sculpture on display. Handicrafts will be on sale for 20% off.

Habitat Hardware will have original oil paintings on display by Pittsburgh portrait painter Phil Salvato. Phil is a published fine art painter of portraiture, figure and plein air landscape painting. Phil has traveled throughout the world painting and teaching plein air painting and now resides in his spacious studio above the 3rd Street Gallery where he is undertaking portrait commissions. He is also actively involved in developing the art community in Carnegie.

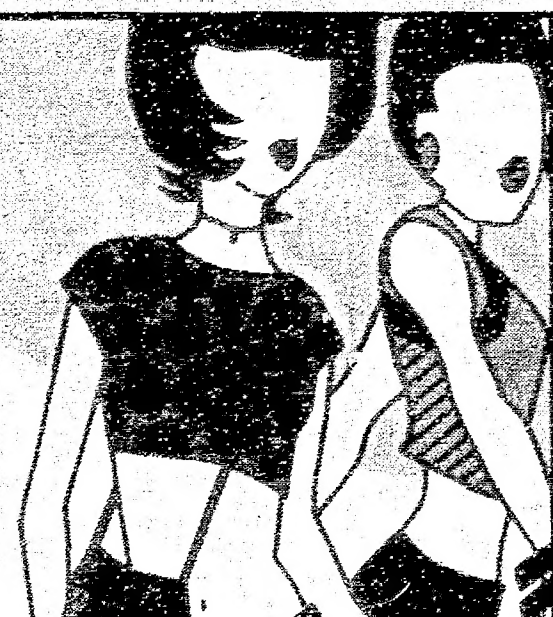


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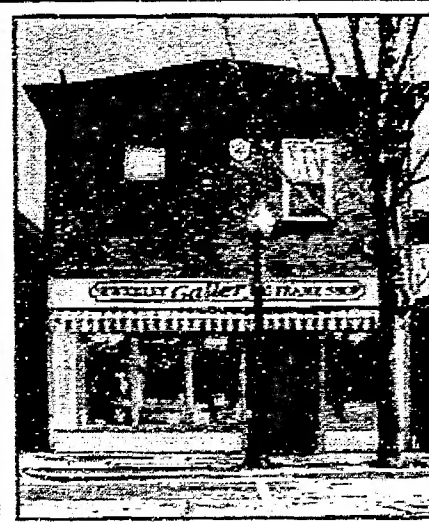
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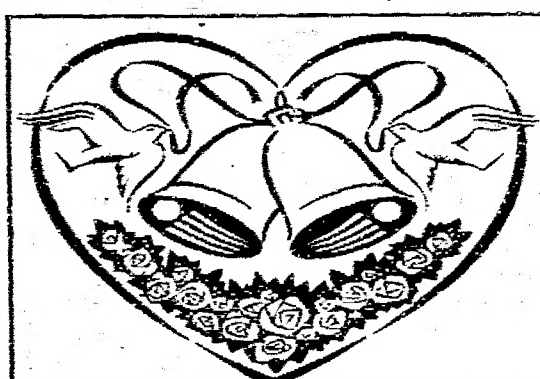
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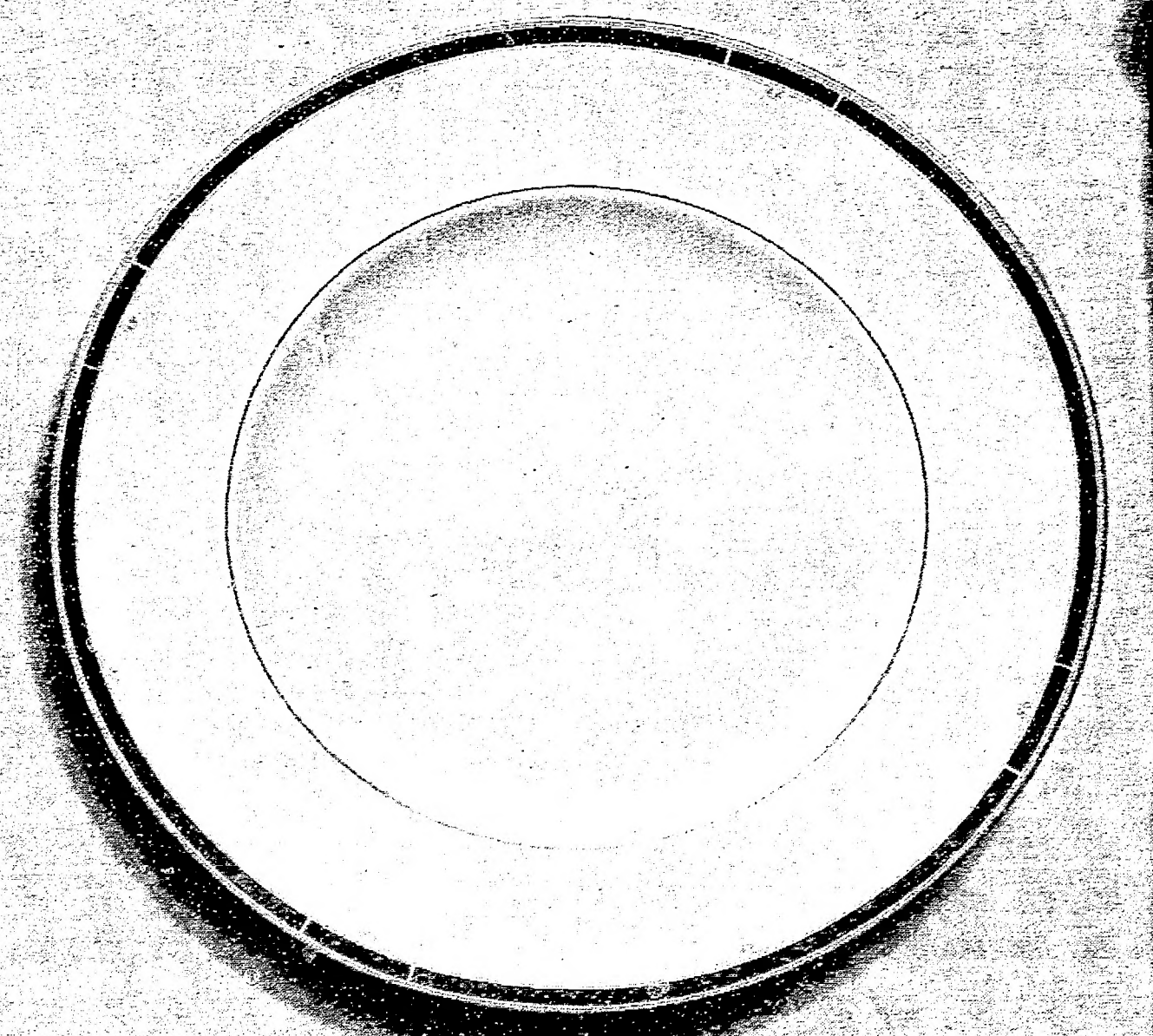
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Craycraft of the Lazarus Center and in private practice and Shirley Woolaway of Good Shepherd Counseling, the sessions will focus on the 5 C's: Connection, Communication, Conflict (healthy), Commit-

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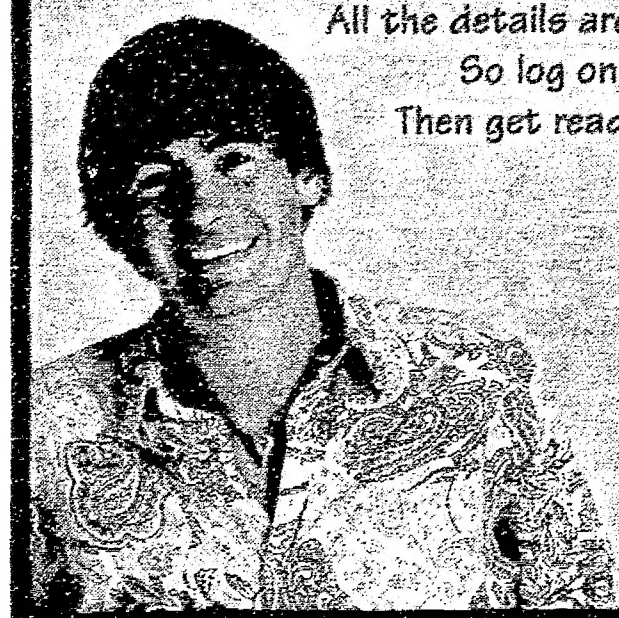


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Resources will include the scriptural basis for marriage, the wisdom of marital experts through video segments and books and practical exercises.

The programs will be held at the Henning House, second floor, accessible from the park-

ing lot of St. Stephen's Church, Walnut St., Sewickley, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Cost per couple is \$30 for all six sessions. Child care is available with advance registration.

Call St. Stephen's at 412-741-1790 to sign up or Shirley at 412-953-6885.

### ON THE CALENDAR

## Bluegrass concert fund-raiser on Saturday at nature center

Join the staff and friends of Fern Hollow Nature Center and Allegheny Land Trust for the 4th annual Bluegrass for Green Space Music Festival on Saturday, Sept. 24, from 5 to 10 p.m.

Gates open at 4 p.m. for an evening of good music, good food and good friends.

Bands include Arcona Reel from Harrisburg and local favorites Rodan and Strangers in this Land and Uncle Dave's Band.

The Green Chef Deli will offer a down-home southern barbeque with all the fixings.

For more information or to order tickets, visit the Web site at [www.fhnc.org](http://www.fhnc.org) or call 412-741-6136.

Advance sale tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children \$10. The all-you-can-eat barbeque dinner is \$15 for adults and \$10 for children.

### Morning bird walks

Join park naturalist April Claus and Bob Van New Kirk of the Three Rivers Birding Club for some ornithological action in Sewickley Heights Borough Park on Saturday, Sept. 24, at 8 a.m.

Meet in the upper parking lot of the park.

Bring binoculars and water bottles.

Visit [www.3riversbirding-club.org](http://www.3riversbirding-club.org).

### Senior Men's Club

On Friday, Sept. 23, the club will present a "Tribute to Jim Addison."

A Power Point presentation will be given by Regis Bobonis, Ken Whitlock and Paul Collier, club members.

The late Jim Addison was a much-loved part of the organization and the community.

The club meets at the Sewickley Valley YMCA on Blackburn Road every Friday

at 9:30 a.m.

After coffee, doughnuts and conversation, the program begins at 10.

Area retired men are welcome to attend the meetings and to join the club.

### Sweetwater anniversary

Sweetwater Center for the Arts' instructors will be the center of attention at the organization's 30th anniversary fund-raiser to be held on Saturday, Oct. 8, at the Sewickley Heights Golf Club from 6 to 8 p.m.

Call Sweetwater to purchase tickets or for more information at 412-741-4405.

### Saturday Market

Every Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. through October, local farmers are trucking in produce to St. James Parish, Sewickley.

Other foods and spices from local merchants will be sold.

Proceeds benefit St. James School, 200 Walnut St., Sewickley. For more information, call 412-741-6650.

### Weekend guest

The Rev. Dr. Richard Rohrbaugh, educator, pastor, professor, author, will be the Frank R. Stoner Adult Education Weekend speaker at The Presbyterian Church, Sewickley, on Sunday, Sept. 25.

Rohrbaugh taught at Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Ore., for 26 years in the field of Christian Studies.

Rohrbaugh will speak at 9:45 a.m. and at a luncheon at 12:30 p.m. in Ansby Hall. His lectures are entitled "Honor and Shame: Core Values of the Biblical World" and "The Evil Eye: A Core Belief of the Biblical World."

Reservations can be made for the luncheon by calling 412-741-4550.

# Out and About

## Fayette County

## Laurel Caverns - A visit to land down under

By Andrea L. Zrimsek

Writer

**S**eventeen stories below the earth's surface lies a world all its own. A rocky macrocosm of total darkness that remains a cool and dry 52 degrees year 'round.

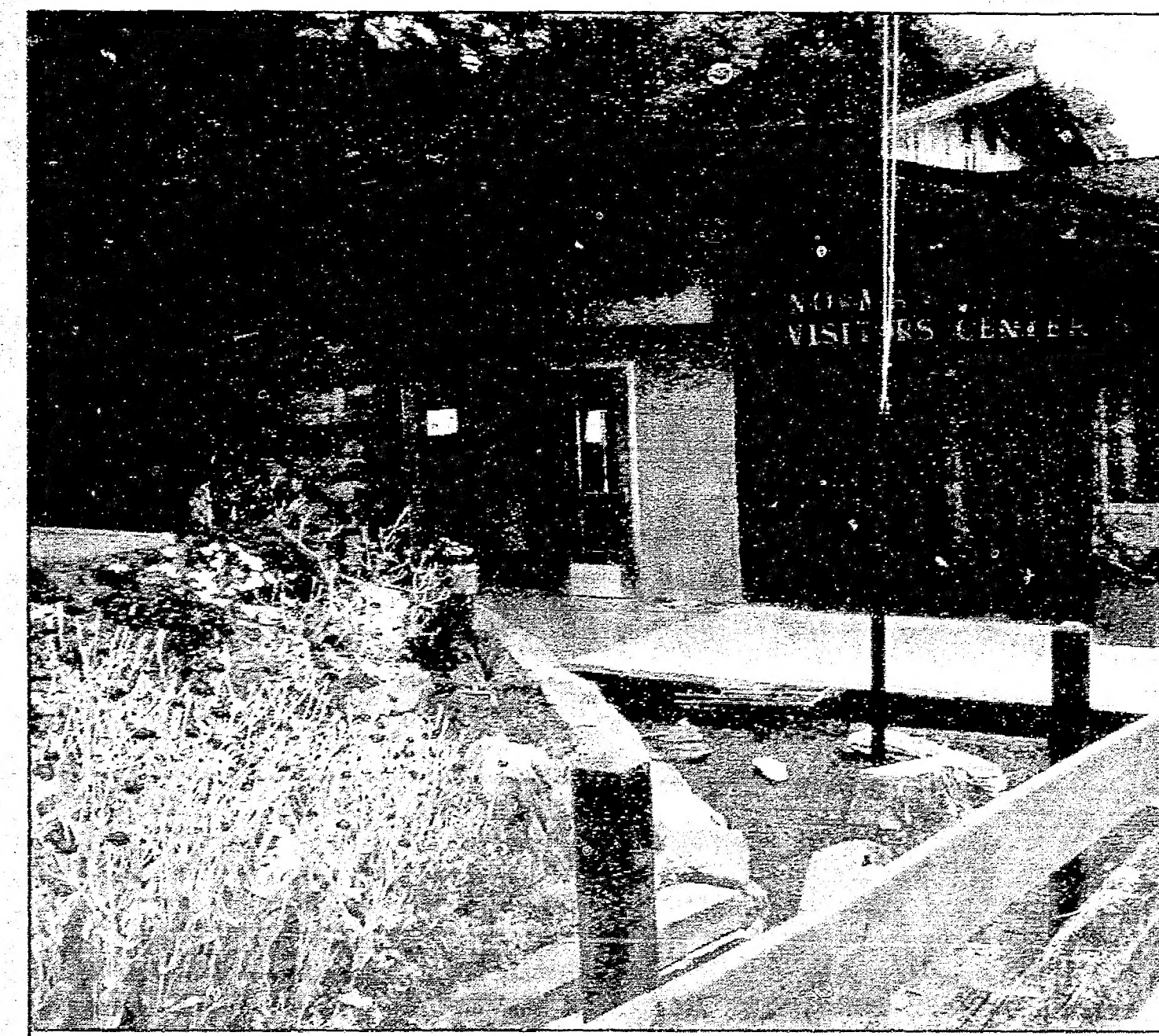
Children of all ages enjoy the excitement, not to mention wee bit of scariness, of the winding maze of gigantic rocks. Some of the boulders resemble animals while others are prehistoric optical illusions. And with a little secret planning from mom or dad, the young ones can even pan the water for gemstones.

**Aside from** modern day lighting, stairs and well-worn paths, there are no signs as to what time of the day or night — or even century — it is above ground.

And that's just the way Lavern Caverns Geological Park owners David and Lillian Cale want it.

Following the uncultivated contours and slopes of the mountain under which it has formed, Laurel Caverns gives visitors a brief look into what western Pennsylvania looked like some 300 million years ago. Long before Columbus laid his claim and before the original 13 colonies were even dreamt of. Heck, it's millions of years before man.

Even though most visitors have a cell



THE NORMAN Cale visitor center is the true entrance to the cave.

phone in their pocket and never knew life without a solid roof over their head and car in the garage, they all enjoy the mystery of the caves.

"People come from all over to take the tour," says manager Doreen Tanner. "It's amazing."

**In fact**, more than 50,000 people from around the globe visit the Fayette County landmark each year, most opting for the 50-minute, one-mile guided tour. Tanner says people flock to the cave for an uncommon experience and because of the cave's size.

"There are 170 or so developed caves in the United States and at 3.5 miles total, Laurel Caverns is the 16th longest," she says. "Many of the longer caves are government owned and not open to the public."

**The guided** one-mile portion winds a path through the 300-million-year-old Loyalhanna limestone. At this time, Pennsylvania, and many little creatures composed primarily of calcium, was beneath the Mississippian Sea. When these creatures died, the calcium mixed with the sand on the sea's floor resulting in the limestone.

Joint lines overhead are like big seams that show where the enormous continental plates collided forming

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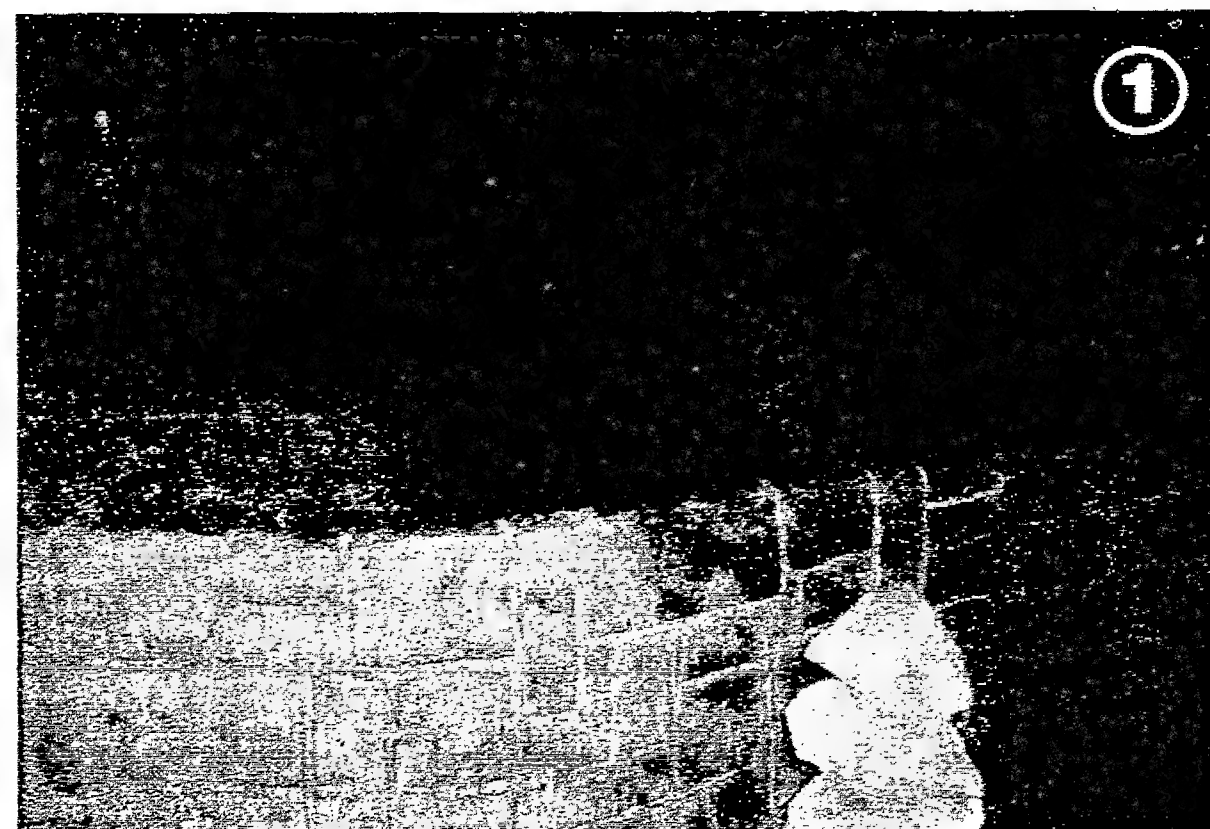
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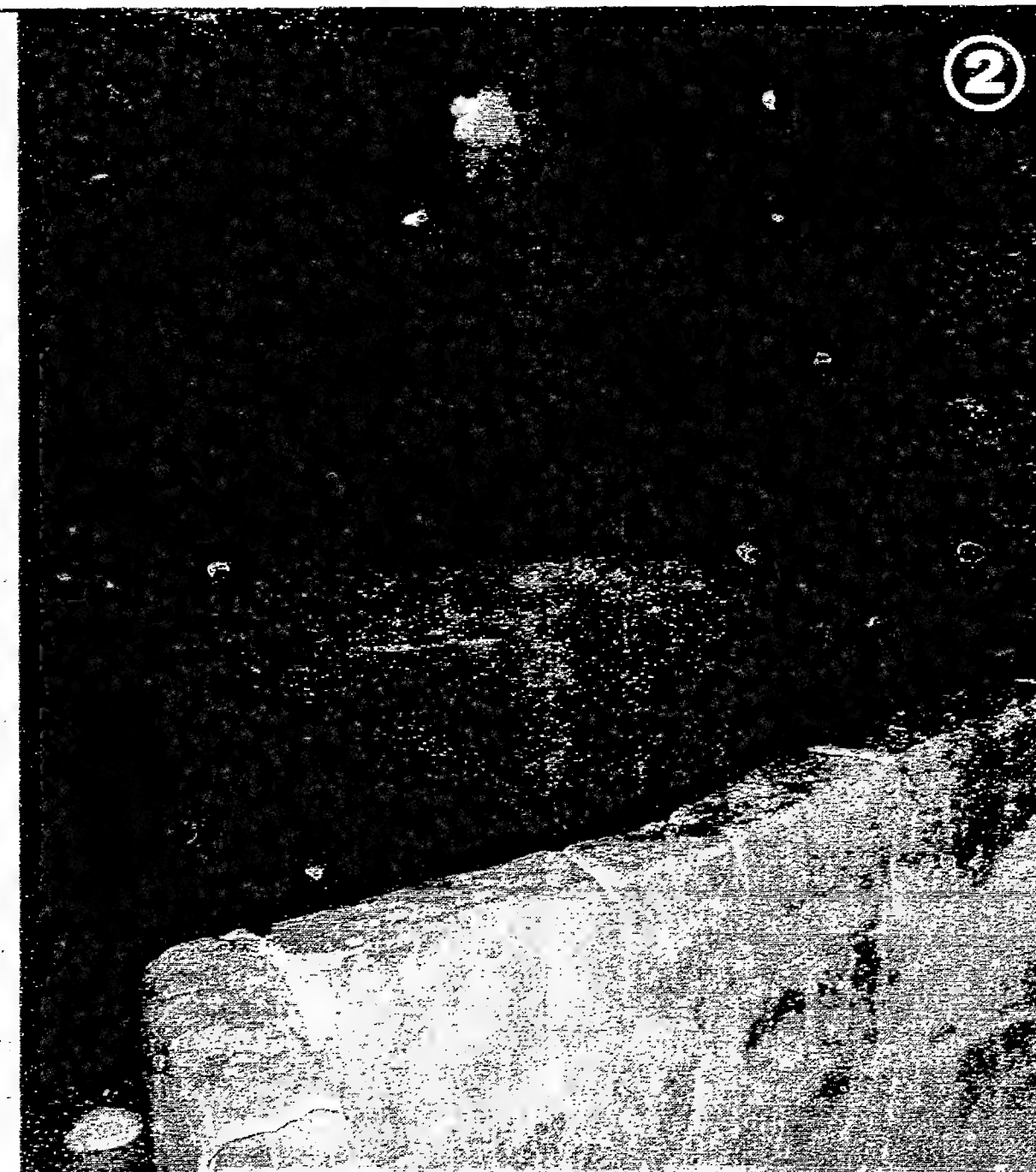
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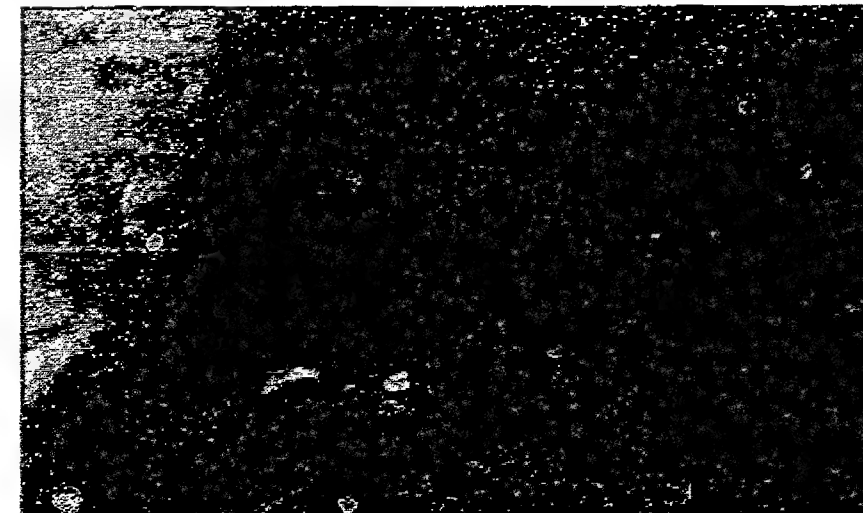
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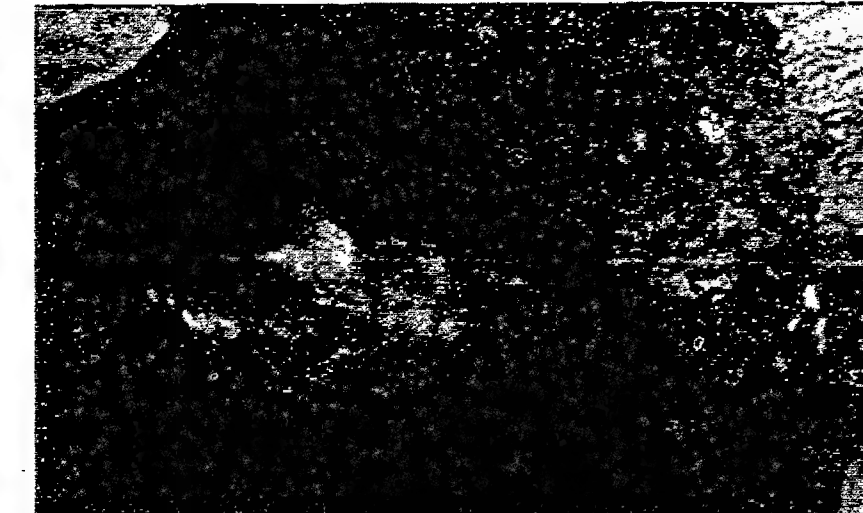
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There is "The Maze" hole in which golfers don't know down which pathway the hole lies. And the "Earthquake" room where the floor begins to shake when the ball makes its way to the hole. Each hole is challenging and placards at each tee offer up a bit of information on the rock formations. With a \$5 fee and a zero percent chance of rain, David says it's a great course any time of year.

Lillian says it was a longtime dream of her husband to build the simulated cave for disabled children and adults. And the best part, David says, is that the chemical compound in cement is the same as limestone so eventually the 8,000-square-foot course will turn into a real cave.

David, who is a professor at West Virginia University, says he is often reminded Laurel Caverns is more valuable as 50 million tons of raw limestone than as a tourist attraction. Yet in spite

of the problems of being privately owned, he wouldn't dream of selling the cave he helped transform from local fun spot to national geological park.

David's grandfather, Norman Cale, purchased then Delaney's Caves and its 43-acres in 1925 as sort of a hobby. At that time the cave had no electricity or road, but the taxes were low and the cave was a local destination spot.

"He didn't buy it with the idea to develop it. He bought it as a land investment. He enjoyed the idea of it," David says.

But the sheer joy of owning the cave was short-lived. David says after World War II more kids had cars and "off they went to Delaney's Caves." Teenagers would picnic, drink alcohol, write on the walls and, inevitably, get lost. These outings led to many late night calls from local police reporting missing kids.

And before long a second problem hit — liability.

"So what do you do? People would go in on their own and my grandfather would be held responsible," David says.

Around 1961, David came up with the idea of opening up the cave to the public. In 1962, the Cales hired local companies to prepare the cave for public access. Even David himself, then a high school student, worked after school and lived for a short while in a tent on the property.

He says his grandfather wanted to keep the well-known Delaney moniker, but he didn't. After seeing an 1816 article referring to the formation as Laurel Hill Caves, David decided on the new name, and on July 1, 1964 Laurel Caverns was open to the public. David, then 18, led the first tour and has worked toward preserving the cherished landmark ever since.

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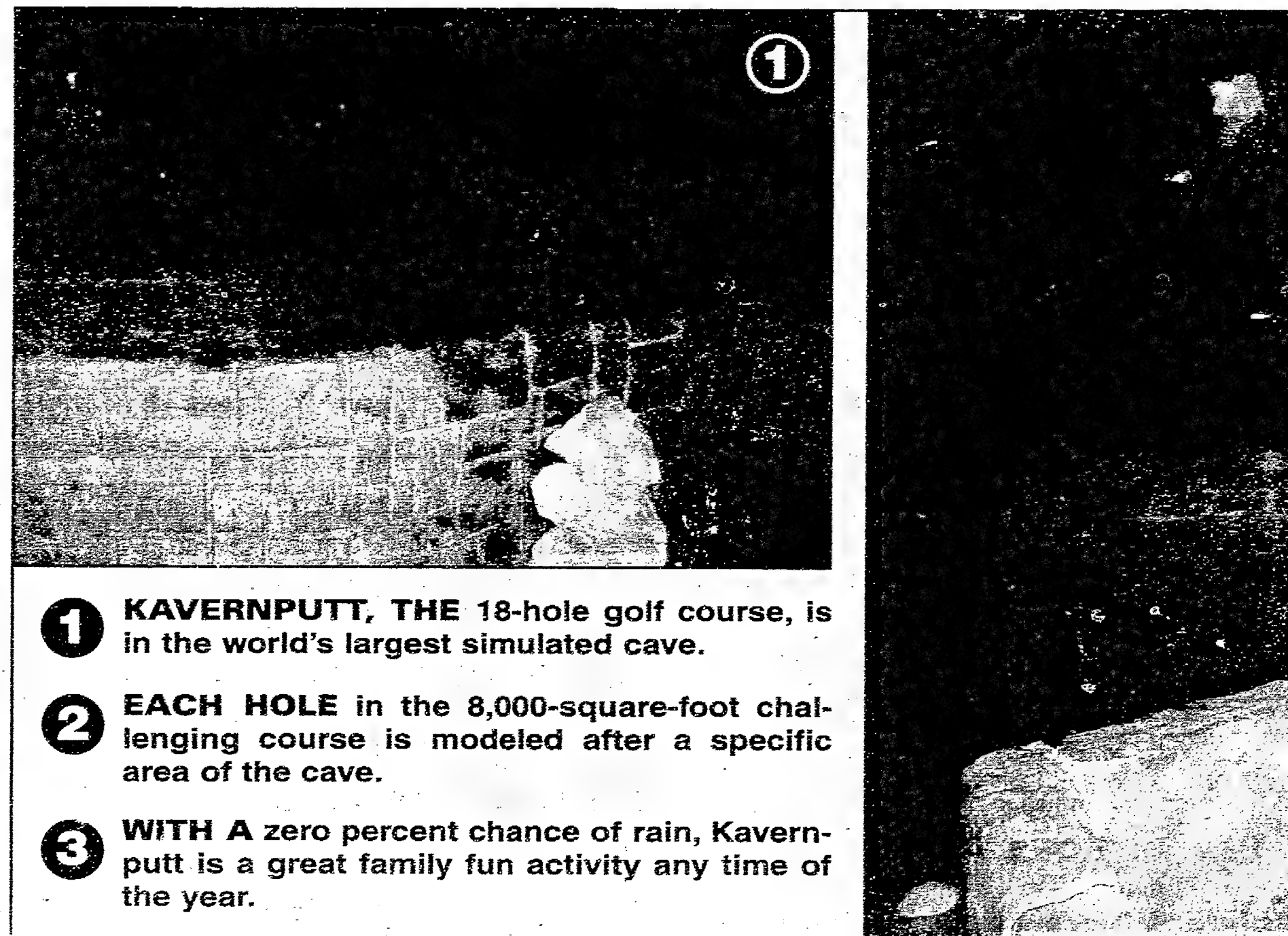
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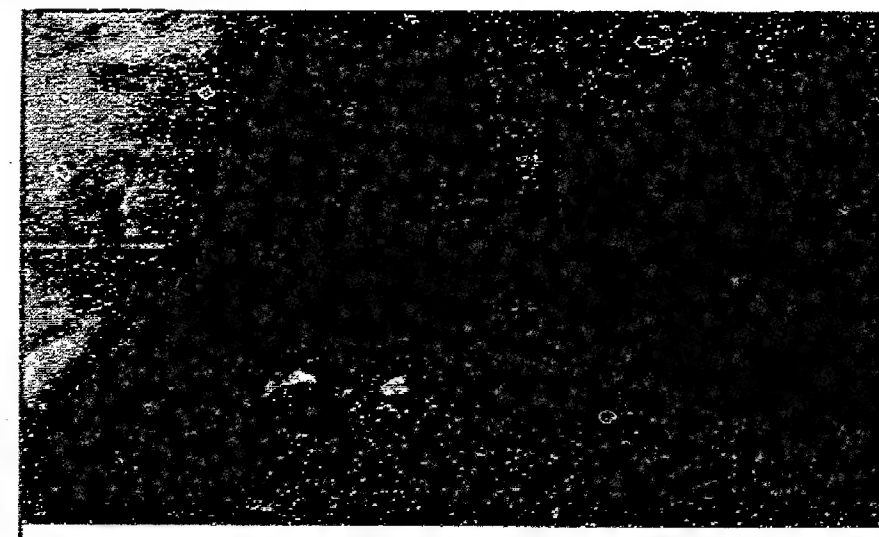
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Those beyond guided-tour level can venture into the more than two-mile portion of undeveloped cave. Until about 10 years ago, cavers were permitted to go into this pitch-black, 42-stories down area without a guide; however, with many overestimating their caving abilities now these three-hour tours are only launched with a guide.

In the mid 1990s, David and Lillian came up with a way to open the cave to those who could never before experience it. Kavernputt, completed in 1999, is an indoor, handicap-accessible, 18-hole golf course set in the world's largest simulated cave.

It took two years and literally tons of cement to create what looks exactly like the real deal, complete with stalactite hanging from the ceiling and stalagmites pushing up from the ground. Void of windmills and clown heads, this course is modeled after the cave with each hole corresponding to a specific area.

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Sewickley Herald 21

## Child Health sponsors 6th annual antique show Oct 1, 2

By Andrea L. Zrimsek

Gateway associate editor

Antiques, antiques, antiques. The Child Health Association of Sewickley is putting the final touches on the sixth annual Sewickley Valley Antique Show set for Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 1 and 2, at the Edgeworth Club.

### FUND-RAISER

This year's event has been expanded to include 32 purveyors of fine antiques from across the country. Show manager and antique specialist Jack Squires has hand-picked each and every dealer, ensuring the utmost quality and selection.

"With Jack picking each dealer, you're guaranteed quality and items that will certainly appreciate in value," says Heather Terrell, a volunteer with Child Health.

In fact, this show has become so popular and attracts so many visitors from all over the region Terrell says there is now a waiting list of dealers hoping to get the nod from Squires.

Another aspect of this show that attracts so many guests, including at one time Leigh and Leslie Keno from

"Antiques Roadshow," is the variety.

And not just in items, also in prices. Since Squires firmly believes in attracting collectors of all ages, the show will feature items for under \$100 through large tickets items costing tens of thousands.

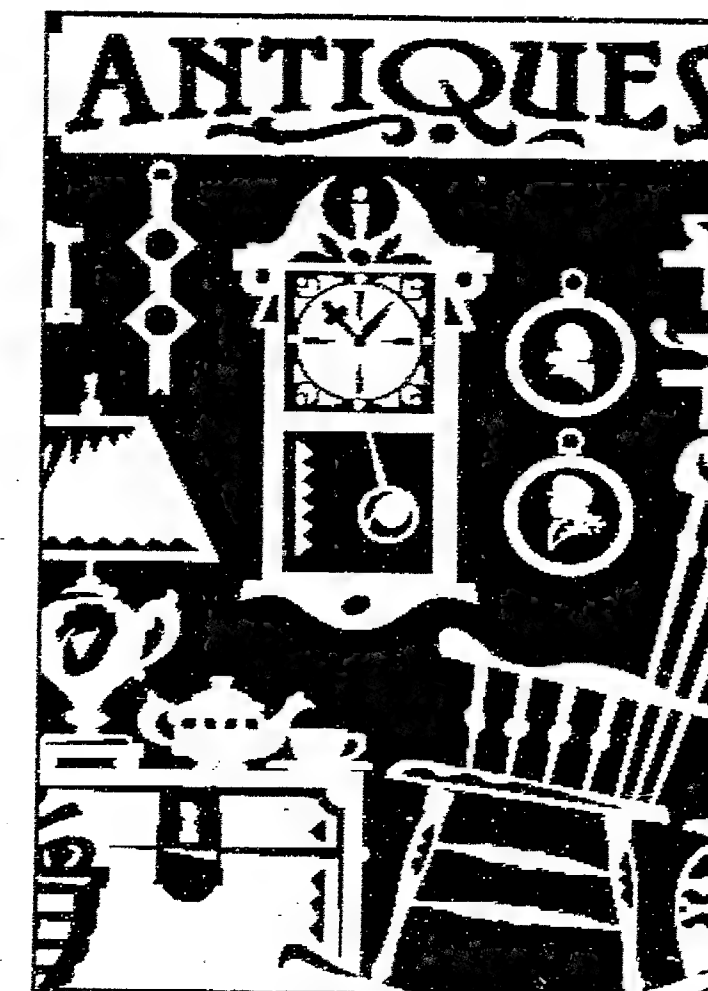
"There is something for everybody, from \$50 to \$75,000. There will be tons of items under \$200, tons of porcelain, china, glass, silver. That's especially important for young people," Squires says.

And this event will not just be about selling antiques, Terrell says.

Dealers also will be on hand to educate and inform guests about what to look for in quality pieces. Again, this is being done so that younger and newer collectors will feel comfortable at the event and be able to start collecting antiques with just a little bit of money.

While searching for that perfect piece of furniture or one-of-a-kind brooch makes for a great weekend, the true point of the event is to raise money for Child Health Association of Sewickley.

This all-volunteer organization is dedicated to serving the needs of children throughout western Pennsylvania by donating to a variety of non-profit groups. Everything from Mars Home for Youth and Pittsburgh International



Children's Theater to the Sewickley YMCA and Sewickley are libraries.

Since its inception in 1923, the group has granted more than \$3 million to organizations that provide services to children. It has raised all of that money through fund-raisers such as cookbook sales, house tours and the wildly-popular antiques show.

But you don't have to be a big spender with a keen eye for fine antiques to help with this fund-raiser. Money from the sales of the antiques will not be given to Child Health, rather it will make its money through ticket sales. So even browsers will be helping local children.

Tickets for the show, which runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, are \$9 and are good for both days.

A preview party also is being held at the Edgeworth Club from 6:30-9:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 30. Tickets for this event are \$65. Reservations are preferred but not required.

For those looking for a sneak peek into the world of antiques, Jack Squires will be holding an "Antiques 101" lecture at 7 p.m. tomorrow (Thursday) at the Edgeworth Club.

Squires will discuss how to date pieces, why and where to buy antiques and give brief pointers on furniture — tips shoppers may be able to put into practice at the show next weekend.

Tickets for this preview event are \$20. For more information on the show, call 412-741-2593.

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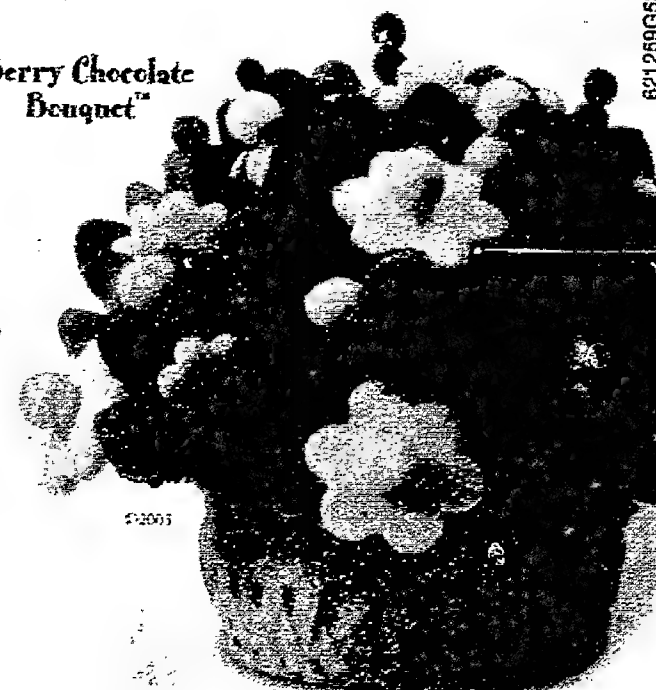
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## FUND-RAISER

### Salon holds cut-a-thon for storm relief

By Andrea L. Zrimsek

Gateway associate editor

How can you get a little more gorgeous and at the same time help victims — both two-legged and four-legged — of Hurricane Katrina.

Easy.

Stop by The Design Group salon on Monday, Oct. 3, for its cut-a-thon.

For a minimum donation of \$30, patrons can receive a haircut, shampoo and blow-dry, manicure or pedicure, and all the money will be donated to hurricane relief.

Since opening the doors in 1981, salon owner Gary Vlachos has always been an active contributor to various causes in and around the Sewickley community. And, he says, this event is just a continuation of that tradition.

"I live in this community so I know the value of giving back and being an active participant," Vlachos says.

Plus, he adds, this event gives him a chance to teach his younger stylists the importance of doing what they can to help others in need. This is something to which they have all responded overwhelmingly.

The Design Group is typically closed on Mondays, but it will be open from noon to 6 p.m. on Oct. 3.

All employees are donating their time, thus allowing 100 percent of the money raised to go to charity.

Vlachos, who is a judge with the American Kennel Club as well as an avid animal lover, has decided to donate 80 percent of the money raised to the AKC for its animal rescue efforts.

Like many who share their homes and lives with four-legged friends, Vlachos says he can't imagine the heartache of leaving pets behind in a natural disaster.

After losing everything else, the loss of a family pet is almost more than a person could bear. That's why animal rescue groups such as the AKC are playing such an important role in the aftermath of the hurricane. And that's why Vlachos has chosen it as the main beneficiary of his fund-raiser.

The remaining 20 percent of the money will be donated to other charities such as the American Red Cross or the Salvation Army.

While he is being quietly optimistic as to how much money he hopes to raise, Vlachos says the early response has been good with several customers already making donations.

People who are not in need of a beauty treat-



**WARREN, A soft-coated wheaten terrier, will be hanging around The Design Group on Monday, Oct. 3, during a cut-a-thon for Hurricane Katrina relief. Gary Vlachos, who owns both Warren and the salon, is donating all money raised during the six-hour event.**

Photo by Andrea L. Zrimsek

ment or who are unable to attend the cut-a-thon are welcome to drop off donations in the form of cash or check.

Donations also may be mailed to the Design Group, 413 Beaver St., Sewickley, PA, 15143.

Appointments for the six-hour cut-a-thon are strongly recommended; however, walk-ins are welcome and will be accommodated as quickly as possible.

"We won't turn anyone away," Vlachos says. For more information on appointments or making a donation, call 412-741-8440.

## SVH EVENT

### Foundation raises dollars club by club

This year's Country Club Crawl, hosted by the Sewickley Valley Hospital Foundation, will feature a "Mystery Tour."

Guests will enjoy the first surprise of the evening when they are transported to either Diamond Run Golf Club or Sewickley Heights Golf Club to enjoy cocktails and hors d'oeuvres.

The remainder of the even-

ing will be enjoyed at the Allegheny Country Club and the Edgeworth Club.

There will be a silent auction featuring surprises and an outstanding art collection provided by local artists.

Guests will be transported by trolley from one stop to the next.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, Oct. 22, and make

your reservation by calling 412-749-7121.

Proceeds will benefit the expansion and redesign of SVH's Emergency Department. The goal is \$4 million.

To date, more than \$2.6 million has been raised for this important project through events and donations given by friends of SVH and hospital personnel.

## Student takes dreams, inspires others

By Laura Halleman

Staff writer

It started at the age of three. A regular visit to her pediatrician peaked her curiosity. She questioned everything the doctor did or says and was eager to learn more.

As a child, she would carry around a makeshift doctor's kit, complete with bandages, gauze and hydrogen peroxide. This prepared her to care for any scraped knees or other minor injuries her friends might incur.

Marlana Myers' interest in medicine became more resolute when her mother, Ida, was diagnosed with sickle cell anemia, an inherited, chronic blood disease where red blood cells function abnormally, become crescent/sickle-shaped and are unable to deliver adequate amounts of oxygen to other cells.

The Sickle Cell Disease results in anemia (low blood counts), episodes of pain and increased susceptibility to infections.

Marlana, who lived in Pittsburgh with her mother at the time, grew up knowing her mother was ill.

"She spent so much time in and out of hospitals. I would go and visit her, and the doctors and nurses kind of took me under their wing, showing me around the hospital and describing things for me," says Marlana.

She tells of how her mother made her promise to always put her education first and never give up on her dreams of going to college to study medicine.

"She had a master's in business administration but couldn't work due to being sick. She was always so happy when I got good grades, so that was my incentive."

At age 44, Marlana's mother suffered a stroke. She passed away soon after.

"She was my best friend," says Marlana. "It completely devastated me."

She then went to live with her grandmother, but after her grandmother passed away, Marlana moved to Sewickley to live with her father, Jack Myers, and stepmother, Leslie Bobonis.



MARLANA MYERS (center) holds on tight to siblings and her mother's inspiration.

At Quaker Valley, Marlana excelled. Except for her freshman year, she took all honors classes. She soon became involved in activities and was one of the founders of an organization at the school that focuses on positive self images among African American females and females of other ethnicities.

Under the guidance of QVHS counselor Holly Voelp and Sewickley Community Center director Shirley Wormsley, the group focuses on educational goals, service projects in the community and how to make a difference.

"Marlana would tutor other students and was always dependable. She leads more by her actions, rather than by telling people what to do," says Voelp.

Wormsley also sings Marlana's praises.

"During the summer Marlana works with the kids at the center. She is absolutely an inspiration. She is my right hand, someone whom I can always count on at the center."

Marlana's hard work at school paid off. She graduated with a 3.83 GPA, but the disciplinarian in her wished it were higher.

Now 20 and a junior at Carlow College, Marlana is majoring in biology and minoring in chemistry. Her focus has shifted away from becoming a doctor and towards a career in forensic pathology.

Her father, a graduate of Pitt, is intent on ensuring that Marlana stay on track with her

studies. But it seems he has nothing to worry about in that department. Marlana has made the dean's list every semester since she began at Carlow.

"He says I will be the first in the family to become a doctor," says Marlana. "But I really like school. I'm good at it, and you have to stick with what you are good at."

She credits going to school at QVSD with giving her a jumpstart on her college education.

"The education is so much better here. I was learning so much more than my friends in Pittsburgh were learning, so I was very well prepared."

Before she returned to college this year, Marlana spent time with her family in Sewickley. She has three younger siblings, Michael and Maurice, 11, and Melanie, 12, and three older siblings.

"We played kickball and other games, and they keep asking why I have to go back," she says, smiling.

Marlana instills the same educational ethic in them that she learned from her parents.

"Melanie had summer reading to do and I've been hounding her to get it done. She says she wants to be a doctor, too."

Upon graduation from Carlow, Marlana plans to attend medical school, possibly at Pitt. She reflects on the inspiration that she gained from her mother.

"I think she would be happy. I'm doing exactly what she wanted me to do."

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## ON THEIR WAY

## Waite advances studies in security policy

Cassandra Waite, granddaughter of Betty Lou Waite and the late Virgil Waite of Sewickley, graduated from The George Washington University's Elliott School of International Affairs with a bachelor of arts in international affairs.

She received university honors, honors in international affairs, placed on the dean's list every semester, and graduated magna cum laude.

Waite was an "Undergraduate Fellow on Terrorism," heading GWU's Students Defending Democracy.

She was also director of academic programming for the international affairs society, member of National Society of Collegiate Scholars, interned for Pa. Congresswoman Melissa Hart and at the World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh and the Women's Foreign Policy Group and volunteered



Cassandra Waite

at the White House this spring.

She is seeking a master of arts in security policy studies at George Washington University and will begin a career as an intelligence analyst for a defense and intelligence business group.

Cassandra is the daughter of

Virgil and Barbara Waite of Murrysville.

## Singer featured on Yale album

Abigail Bunce of Sewickley, a junior, is featured in the newly-released 35th anniversary album of "The New Blue," Yale University's oldest all-female a cappella singing group.

She joined the group as a freshman and has sung with 17 other Yale women for two years in the second soprano section.

As musical director for 2004-2005, Bunce oversaw and led the group in the album project.

She was responsible for all the musical elements of the recording process, including directing the recording sessions and editing the final cuts.

The album, "Since 1969," was released last month.

## Local graduates receive college campus honors

Catherine Heryford, a Sewickley Academy graduate, received a \$4,000 Bill and Mary Gasser Scholarship from Indiana University's Kelley School of Business.

## PLAUDITS

The scholarship is given to students who have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement and leadership traits. Heryford is a sophomore management major.

Danielle Alyce Cairns of Glenfield, a freshman, was named to the spring term dean's list at Duquesne University.

Marissa Vogel of Sewickley, a sophomore, was named to the spring term dean's list at Duquesne University.

Tamara Hoch of Moon Township, a junior, was named to the dean's list at Denison University in Ohio.

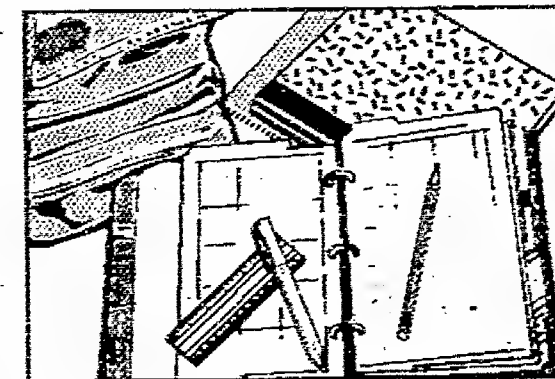
Hoch graduated from Sewickley Academy in 2003.

Katie Hinzman of Sewickley, a sophomore, was named an Alden Scholar at Allegheny College. These awards are presented to those who maintained a grade point average of 3.2 or higher during the preceding year.

Hinzman is a graduate of Quaker Valley.

Evan Geller of Sewickley, a sophomore, was named an Alden Scholar at Allegheny College.

Alden Scholar awards are presented to students who maintained a grade point average of 3.2 or higher during the



preceding academic year. Geller is a graduate of Quaker Valley.

Lauren Echavarria, a sophomore majoring in retail management and consumer studies at Syracuse University, was named to the dean's list for the spring semester.

Echavarria is a resident of Sewickley.

Brynn Pfirman, class 1 and a resident of Sewickley, achieved academic honors for her second semester at Noble and Greenough School.

She earned the "Distinction Category" by maintaining a B/B+ average.

Caitlin Kappel, daughter of Penny and Paul Kappel, was named to the dean's list at The Johns Hopkins University for the spring semester.

Having attended Sewickley Academy, Kappel, who is majoring in the natural sciences area, is expected to graduate in May 2006.

Saren Stiegel, a graduate of Sewickley Academy, is a junior at New York University.

She has been recognized for high academic achievement at New York University.

Qualification for the dean's list is a grade-point average of 3.85 or higher.

She is the daughter of Rob and Andrea Stiegel.



THE FAMILY tour leads caviars through nearly one mile of cave.

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There is "The Maze" hole in which golfers don't know down which pathway the hole lies. And the "Earthquake" room where the floor begins to shake when the ball makes its way to the hole. Each hole is challenging and placards at each tee offer up a bit of information on the rock formations. With a \$5 fee and a zero percent chance of rain, David says it's a great course any time of year.

Lillian says it was a longtime dream of her husband to build the simulated cave for disabled children and adults. And the best part, David says, is that the chemical compound in cement is the same as limestone so eventually the 8,000-square-foot course will turn into a real cave.

David, who is a professor at West Virginia University, says he is often reminded Laurel Caverns is more valuable as 50 million tons of raw limestone than as a tourist attraction. Yet in spite

of the problems of being privately owned, he wouldn't dream of selling the cave he helped transform from local fun spot to national geological park.

David's grandfather, Norman Cale, purchased then Delaney's Caves and its 43-acres in 1925 as sort of a hobby. At that time the cave had no electricity or road, but the taxes were low and the cave was a local destination spot.

"He didn't buy it with the idea to develop it. He bought it as a land investment. He enjoyed the idea of it," David says.

But the sheer joy of owning the cave was short-lived. David says after World War II more kids had cars and "off they went to Delaney's Caves." Teenagers would picnic, drink alcohol, write on the walls and, inevitably, get lost. These outings led to many late night calls from local police reporting missing kids.

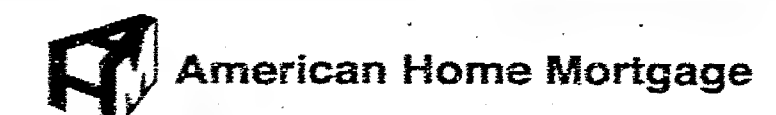
And before long a second problem hit — liability.

"So what do you do? People would go in on their own and my grandfather would be held responsible," David says.

Around 1961, David came up with the idea of opening up the cave to the public. In 1962, the Cales hired local companies to prepare the cave for public access. Even David himself, then a high school student, worked after school and lived for a short while in a tent on the property.

He says his grandfather wanted to keep the well-known Delaney moniker, but he didn't. After seeing an 1816 article referring to the formation as Laurel Hill Caves, David decided on the new name, and on July 1, 1964 Laurel Caverns was open to the public. David, then 18, led the first tour and has worked toward preserving the cherished landmark ever since.

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# Fall Home Improvement 2005

## Budget-wise bathroom facilities to personalize space

(NAPSI)-Tired of your bathroom but can't spend a fortune on remodeling? Good news! There's a variety of simple, budget-conscious things that homeowners can do to customize the space, making it personal and unique. From painting the walls your favorite color to replacing a shower curtain with a sleek shower door, the possibilities are endless.

Stephanie Herzfeld, associate editor of Kitchen and Bath Business (K+BB) magazine and a leading authority on bathroom trends, offers the following suggestions for revitalizing your bathroom without breaking the bank:

### Crowning Touch

Decorative crown molding is an inexpensive and great way to add interest to the space and give your bathroom cabinetry a high-end, custom look. Let it Rain



Wash away daily stress by investing in a new rain-effect showerhead. Available from nearly all manufacturers at all price points, they come in many cool designs and feel great.

### Accessorize!

Consider adding accessories

such as towel racks and rings, shelves, and mirrors in decorative frames. These items can be found everywhere, from D-I-Y Big Box retailers to one-stop shopping resources like Target.

They finish the look of the bathroom and add polish whether you're on a shoestring

or carte blanche budget.

### Pamper Yourself

Indulge yourself by adding big, fluffy, thick towels in vibrant colors to your bathroom. They add a splash of color (and are easy and inexpensive enough to discard when you tire of their hues) and provide a taste of spa-like luxury for you and your guests.

### Faucet Finish

Consider installing a new sink faucet in a finish other than chrome. Break out of the traditional mold and check out brushed and aged finishes with a patina. Most faucet companies offer a palette of finish options these days and a lavatory faucet in something other than common chrome will really set the bathroom apart.

### Shower Power

Think about replacing your existing shower doors or curtain

with clear or patterned glass designs.

Updated shower doors, available with metallic trims to match your fixtures, will add new life to the bathroom.

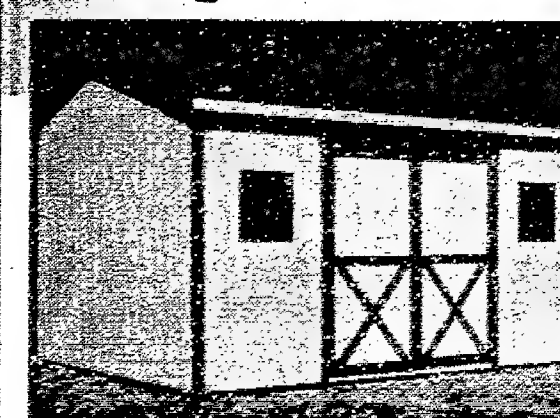
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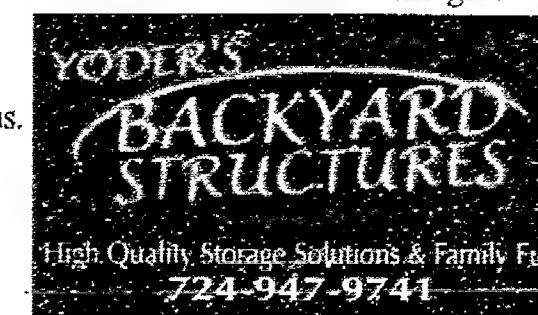
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## Protect your home against frozen pipes

Chilly fall temperatures serve as a polite reminder that when winter arrives it can be sudden, often leaving homeowners unprepared for the troubles associated with extreme cold.

"A few simple preparations now will help prevent headaches and costly repairs throughout the winter months," says Dave Haswell, general manager of Roto-Rooter in Pittsburgh.

- Disconnect outside water hoses. If left connected, water in the hoses can freeze and expand causing faucets and connecting pipes inside your home to freeze and break.

- Make sure outside faucets aren't dripping or leaking. Make the necessary repairs or call a plumber before freezing temperatures arrive.

- Be aware that when pipes freeze, water pressure builds causing cracks — no matter if the pipe is made of plastic, copper or steel. Even a tiny crack

can unleash more than 250 gallons of water in a single day.

- If your home is equipped with interior shut-off valves leading to outside faucets, close them and drain water from lines.

- Cover outside faucets using a faucet insulation kit available at home centers.

- Insulate pipes in unheated areas, such as garages or crawl spaces. Apply heat tape or thermostat-controlled heat cables around pipes that are exposed and prone to freezing.

- Seal leaks around doors and windows to reduce cold air penetration.

- Your water heater works harder during winter months. Flush it out and remove sediment buildup, which causes corrosion, shortens life span and reduces heating efficiency. Drain several gallons from the faucet near the bottom of the tank. Connect a hose to the faucet and direct water into a nearby

drain.

Carefully test the water heater's pressure relief valve (Danger: water is very hot) by lifting up on the lever and letting it snap back. The valve should allow a burst of hot water into the drainpipe. If not, call a professional to have a new valve installed.

Check the temperature setting on your water heater's thermostat. Set at 120 degrees F for optimum performance.

Caution! These tips are intended for homes that will be inhabited throughout the winter months.

Many additional steps should be taken to winterize vacation properties that will be abandoned or left unattended for weeks or months at a time. Seek professional help for winterizing such properties.

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Inspired by a large niche in the banquet hall at Biltmore House, this Fypon seashell niche offers a perfect decorative accent for any style home.

## Elegant additions to accent the home

(MS) - Have you ever dreamt of living like royalty? Walking into rooms decorated with detailed architectural moldings, ceiling domes and wall niches? To turn these dreams into reality, take a look at the new Biltmore Collection by Fypon.

Inspired by the exquisite design work accomplished at the turn-of-the-nineteenth century Biltmore Estate in Asheville, North Carolina, this collection of replica millwork pieces is now available to homeowners nationwide. The dramatic collection includes more than a dozen pieces that complement the European-style of the 250-room Biltmore House, created by George W. Vanderbilt in 1895.

The intricate millwork pieces allow homeowners to incorporate authentic replications of everything from crown moldings to ceiling domes to entryway surrounds in their homes. Designed and introduced as the exclusive moulding partner of Biltmore Estate For Your Home, the Biltmore Collection by Fypon includes interior and exterior decorative accent pieces to enhance the design and style of any home.

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## Understanding hardwood flooring types, benefits

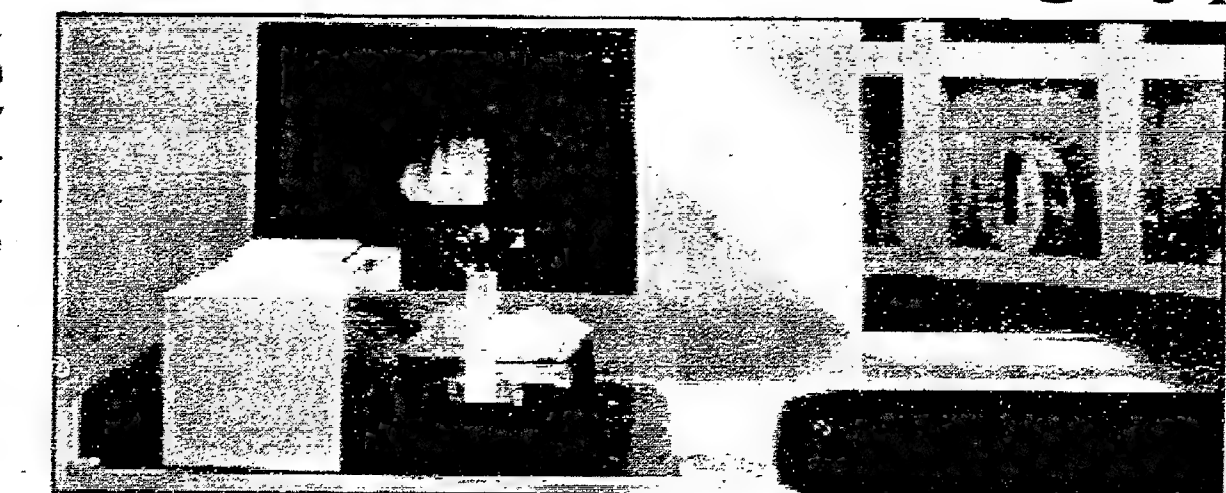
by Eric Cohler

(NAPSI)-Hardwood floors can add style and flair to most any room in the home. But the number of hardwood materials available can sometimes cause homeowners confusion.

Fortunately, there's no reason to be floored by all your options. Here's an explanation.

### Solid Hardwood

Solid hardwood is manufactured from a solid piece of wood. Most solid hardwood floors are 3/4" thick, but budget-conscious people can find thinner-profile solids. Both thicknesses offer the same beauty, but 3/4" solids have higher dimensional stability and can be sanded and refinished more times. Solid hardwood is typically nailed to a



wood subfloor. It's usually recommended for installation at or above ground level because it is sensitive to shrinking and expanding from excessive moisture or temperature changes.

### Engineered Hardwood

Engineered hardwood is genuine wood flooring, just like solid. It is manufactured in multi-

ple layers of hardwood and offers superior strength and moisture/ humidity resistance. The flooring is typically 3/8" to 1/2" thick and can usually be sanded and refinished if necessary. Engineered flooring can be installed at any level in the home and can be glued, stapled or "floated" over wood, concrete or other existing floors. Floating

floors are only attached at the seams, without glue or staples. Engineered hardwood is ideal for multilevel construction and basement renovations.

### Solid Or Engineered?

Which genuine hardwood flooring is right for you depends on where you plan to install the floor; what the subfloor is; the moisture level of the underlying surface; how you want your floor to look; and, of course, your budget.

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## Decorating ideas for the harvest home

(NAPSI)—Each autumn, gorgeous colors, spectacular sunsets and a crisp chill in the air herald a season of change and beauty.

So why not take the opportunity to warm up your home with the splendor of the season?

The decorating experts at Big Lots offer these affordable fash-



ion tips for welcoming the fall season:

- Cozy fleece throws draped over chairs.
- Fragrant candles, fall fruit and gourds and silk maple leaves to adorn the fireplace mantle.
- A wrought-iron basket lined in silk fall leaves, plus silk autumn flowers and plants.
- Ready the porch for Halloween with a wreath, gourds, welcome mat, rattan plant holder—even a scarecrow.
- Use an autumn wreath as a candleholder or candy bowl base.

In addition to seasonal accessories, Big Lots offers furniture, brand-name plastic storage items and more ways to transform the home. To learn more, visit the Web site at [www.biglots.com](http://www.biglots.com).

Silk flowers and plants can be an inexpensive way to decorate the house for the fall season.



Take care of your home's exterior

The changes in season calls for special exterior maintenance tasks to help keep your home in working order.

The experts on The Learning Channel's Hometime suggest that fall is a good time to:

- close and drain hose bibs
- rake debris away from the side of the house
- trim trees or shrubs that touch the house
- inspect and repair screen and storm window holes
- and check and repair caulking around exterior surfaces.

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Gutter Helmet is the strongest gutter protection system on the market and is engineered to last a lifetime. Gutter Helmet has helped reduce the maintenance on more homes than all other gutter protection systems combined.

### How does it work?

Gutters become clogged when leaves and debris fall onto

the roof and accumulate in the gutters.

Clogged and overflowing gutters can result in rot and damage to your home, lawn, basement and landscaping.

Gutter Helmet keeps your gutters free flowing by enclosing the gutter system. The design of Gutter Helmet and the principle of surface tension cause water to flow into the gutter. Gutters remain free-flowing forever.

### How much does it cost?

The installation cost is determined by many factors. All installations include an inspection and tune-up of your existing gutters — cleaning, sealing, re-pitching and adding hangers as needed. Other factors affecting cost include: number of stories of your home; the need for special equipment to perform the installation (due to the lay of the land or other variables); the condition of your roof; the necessity of fascia repair and replace-

ment; and the linear feet of gutters and number of corners on your home.

An inspection of your home by a professional Gutter Helmet dealer is necessary to provide a fair installation estimate. Call your dealer today to schedule your free inspection and estimate!

### Why do I need it?

With Gutter Helmet, you'll never clean your gutters again.

You avoid the muck and hassle of cleaning gutters yourself. You avoid the dangers of climbing a shaky ladder. You avoid the liability of having someone else clean your gutters. You help prevent clogged and overflowing gutters that can lead to rot and damage of: landscaping, lawn, shrubbery, walls, fascia boards and soffits, foundation, basement, crawl spaces and existing gutter system.

Stop worrying about your gutters and start enjoying the

peace of mind that a Gutter Helmet system provides.

### How does it compare to other products?

Screens and other products that have vertical slots, louvers or other openings allow leaves and debris to clog gutters.

Gutter Helmet's unique, multi-patented design has no vertical openings that can allow debris to settle or to enter. Gravity causes leaves and debris to fall harmlessly to the ground, while water surface tension causes water to flow around the exclusive cover design and back into your gutters.

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## SUMMER FUN



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## FELLOWSHIP

### Services open at First Church

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Sewickley, holds its Sunday service and Sunday school at 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday evening testimony meetings are held at 7:30 p.m.

The Reading Room is open Tuesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Lesson-Sermon for Sunday is titled "Reality" and will open with a quotation from Psalms: "O Lord, how great are thy works! And thy thoughts are very deep."

The church is located at 222 Beaver St., Sewickley.

### Worship at Antioch

Antioch Baptist Church, 332 Elizabeth St., Sewickley, holds Sunday School at 9:30 a.m., followed by morning worship at 10:45.

Bible Study and Prayer Service is held on Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

The Rev. Troy Sligh is the pastor.

For more information about the church, call 412-741-7688.

### Special concert

The Presbyterian Church, Sewickley, will welcome acclaimed actor Brad Sherrill to perform "The Gospel of

John" on Sunday, Oct. 2, at 7 p.m.

Sherrill has performed this dramatic production of this book of the Bible throughout North America, including a six-week run in Lamb's Theatre on W. 44th Street, New York City.

A review in The New York Times read: "A famously compelling tale... lively and engaging... Mr. Sherrill is a poised performer with a subtle physical grace."

The Washington Post reviewer simply says, "Riveting! The God Book gets ever better. Mr. Sherrill brings the New Testament to life."

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reviewer says, "An amazing achievement... simple, powerful, provocative. A transforming two hours of theater."

Donations to assist with the cost of the performance will be accepted at the door. The suggested donation is \$10 per person.

The performance will take place in the church's sanctuary, which is located at the corner of Beaver and Grant streets in Sewickley.

For more information, call Craig Dobbins, director of music ministries, at 412-741-4550, Ext. 205.

## FELLOWSHIP

### St. Stephen's welcomes all to tailgate party

The fall message series at St. Stephen's Church, Sewickley, has been asking "Is God a Steelers' Fan?", a topic that addresses winning and losing in the game of life.

The series will culminate during the Sunday, Sept. 25, tailgate party in the church's Grace Commons.

The Steelers-Patriots match will air live on the hall's two 25-foot screens.

Admission to the event is free and open to the public. Proceeds from the refreshment

sales will benefit the Hurricane Katrina Fund.

In addition to game viewing and enjoying tailgate-type concession stand menu items, football enthusiasts and their kids can participate in punt, pass and kick contests, flag football and cheerleading clinics.

Steelers' memorabilia and other door prizes will be awarded to the adults.

Doors open at 3:30 p.m., with kick-off for the game at 4 p.m.

For more information, call the church office 412-741-1790.

### Animal blessing

Grace Church will hold its annual blessing of the animals at 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 2, at St. Francis Meadow adjacent to the Shield's Chapel on Church Lane (off Beaver Road) in Edgeworth.

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## Madeline Whitfield Fluharty, lifelong resident of Bell Acres

Madeline Carole Whitfield Fluharty, 64, a lifelong resident of Bell Acres, died on Sept. 14, 2005, in her home, surrounded by her family.

She was born in Sewickley on May 16, 1941, to the late Walter and Mildred (Ions) Whitfield.

Mrs. Fluharty was a hard worker all of her life.

She developed her home-making skills in the fields of culinary and cleaning and used them as a waitress at the Edgeworth Club, as a cook at the Sewickley Heights Country Club and as housekeeper at Masonic Village.

When her children were young, she worked as a cafeteria employee at Edgeworth Elementary School.

She is survived by her loving husband of 43 years, William Fluharty; and two daughters: Judith Lynn Trimmer and Cara Smith (Jeffrey) of Moundsville, W. V.

She also is survived by her sisters: Margo Plunkard (Ralph) of Mars and Stacy Parsons (Kenneth) of Economy; and two brothers, Walter Whitfield Jr. (Joyce) of Mars; and Richard Whitfield of Connecticut; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents,

she was preceded in death by her infant son, Luther Keith Fluharty; her sister, Georgia Palmer; and her brother, Herbert Whitfield.

Burial was private at Sylvania Hills Memorial Park.

Contributions may be made to the Trust Fund for Trevor Fluharty, c/o Cara Smith, 134 Camp Meeting Road Ext., Sewickley, PA 15143.

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### John O'Neil

Member of St. James

John O'Neil, 86, originally of Pittsburgh, died Sept. 12, 2005, at Sylvia House Hospice in Ocala, Fla., with his loving wife of 52 years at his bedside.

He was born in June 14, 1919. He began his career in 1942 with Standard Steel Spring, later to become Rockwell International, and working his way up to cost analyst.

He was transferred in 1960 to Newton Falls, Ohio; and in 1980, he retired to Ocala, Fla.

His youth and young adult years were spent in Emsworth. He was a member of St. James Church, Sewickley.

He served in the U.S. Army during WWII, where he received a government cita-

### IN MEMORY



tion.

He was known in the valley and in the Pittsburgh area as the "Irish Tenor."

He is survived by his wife, Marie (Holman) O'Neil; his half-brother, James Scanlon of Gibsonsia; his nieces, Carol Schetley and Mary Jane Weckerle; and nephew, John Weckerle.

Burial was in Holy Savior Cemetery in Gibsonsia with the Rev. Peter Murphy officiating.

Memorials may be made to a charity of your choice.

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### Jerry "Frankie" Vescio

Born in Sewickley

Jerry Frank "Frankie" Vescio, 47, of Robinson Township for most of his life, died Sept. 15, 2005, at Ohio Valley General Hospital.

He was born in Sewickley on Jan. 17, 1958.

Mr. Vescio called Allegheny Valley School his home since the age of 8, where he worked as a gardener in their greenhouse.

Also known for his love of sports, he participated in Special Olympics, entering the events of bowling, ice skating, basketball, track and field. He placed in every category bringing home Special Olympic medals.

He was an avid Steeler fan and had his picture taken with Coach Bill Cowher.

He also enjoyed trucks and construction.

He embraced life with happiness and kindness.

He is survived by his loving mother, Pina (DeGori) Vescio of Coraopolis; his sister, Mary Lou Vescio of Coraopolis.

He was loved by the Degori and Mauro families.

Memorials may be made in his name to Allegheny Valley School, 1992 Ewings Mill Road, Robinson Township, PA 15108.

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### Ralph Benz Jr.

Former Sewickley resident

Ralph A Benz Jr., born March 23, 1917, died peacefully on Sept. 14, 2005, in his hometown of Tucson, Ariz.

He lived a great life full of his loves: Charlotte Meyers Benz, his wife of 60 years; three sons, John, the Rev. Charles and Fred; two daughters, Meredith and Susan; 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was successful in every endeavor. Never an ambler, he strode through life.

He was born and raised in Tucson while spending summers with family on the Gulf Coast in New Orleans and Houston.

He was a state champion distance runner in high school. He attended the University of Arizona before joining the army as a member of the first group of volunteers from

Tucson in 1940.

He entered the army as a Bushmaster and later became a B24 Pilot in WWII. He flew 50 missions out of northern Italy and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Upon his return, he met, fell in love with and married Charlotte Meyers on Sept. 1, 1945, in Chicago.

Over the course of the next 20 years he built a highly successful career in sales, while raising his family in Chicago and then in Cleveland, before moving to Sewickley.

As an entrepreneur, his considerable energy and drive fueled Pittsburgh Valve & Fitting Co., the company he managed for 30 years while he lived in Sewickley.

He trained innumerable employees and family to embrace his coda that "alacrity (a quick, willing, eager spirit) captured the day."

As a member of the Sewickley community, he served as chairman of the Edgeworth Water Authority from 1977-1988 and was one of the founders of the Valley Care Nursing Home.

He traveled the world, relished good food and good times with his friends and family.

He left Sewickley and returned to Tucson with Charlotte in 1992.

Throughout his adult life he took splendid care of his family and friends and with his passing we celebrate the strong, smart, handsome, intrepid, bon vivant that he was.

He was never happier than when surrounded by his family, and with his passing his family carries forth this legacy.

A Memorial Mass was held at St. Pius X Church in Tucson.

Donations may be made in his memory to The Association for Macular Diseases Inc., P.O. Box 531313, Henderson, NV 89053, or to Casa de la Luz Foundation, 400 W. Magee Road, Tucson, AZ 85704.

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## SPORTS



### Peanut Heaven

By Jon Paul Creese

## Nagging injury plagues Urda's WPIAL odds

For the past two years, there was one thing keeping Emily Urda, Sewickley Academy junior, from winning the WPIAL Section 7 singles tournament - Quaker Valley's Annie Houghton.

Urda breezed through the competition year after year, winning 10-0 once and 10-1 three times in first round and quarterfinal matches and entering the finals with scores of 6-1, 6-2, 6-1, 6-1, and 6-0, 6-1.

Then Houghton would stop Urda in her tracks, defeating her 6-0, 6-0 in 2003 and 6-1, 6-0 in 2004.

The door swung open wide for Urda this year. With Houghton out the entire season with a torn ligament, it seemed there would be nothing to stop her. All she had to do was repeat her performance the past two years and extend it into the finals for an almost assured section win.

Then arrived Cate Stewart, a QV transfer from Shadyside.

Stewart stepped into Houghton's first singles slot and took the section almost as handily as QV's 2004 state champion ever did, defeating Urda 6-1, 6-2.

For the third consecutive season, Urda was forced to settle for second best.

The heavy loss came just as a recurring wrist injury resulting from a tear in February reared its ugly grip on Urda's game once again.

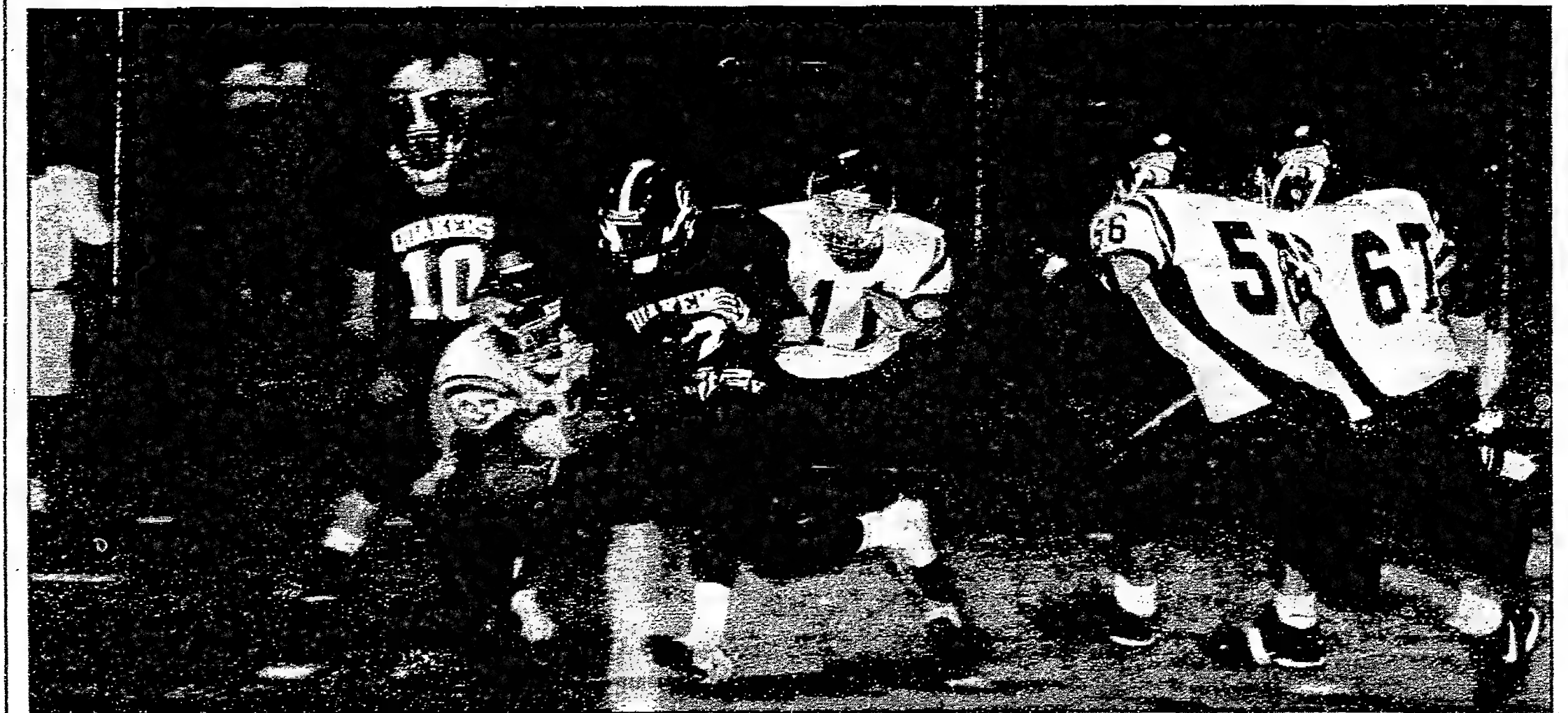
She feels the game could have fallen to her favor if she was full strength.

"It's hard to tell ... it hurt during the middle of the match ... it's hard to tell," Urda reported the next day after returning with no diagnosis, forced to sit out of an important section match against QV.

The injury flare up came at an unfortunate time with the WPIAL AA singles preliminary round scheduled

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## Weather Delay



DARREN ROGERS attracts a slew of Bobcats Friday night during Quaker Valley's Homecoming. When heavy rain and lightning moved into the area, the game was suspended until Saturday, when the Quakers fell to Beaver 41-6.

Photo by Tim Edmonson

### GIRLS' TENNIS

## Quakers feed off academy weakness

QV sophomore Stewart, 14, dominates first singles with phenomenal speed, control

By Jon Paul Creese

Sports editor

The anticipated AA Section 7 rivalry match last Wednesday between Quaker Valley and Sewickley Academy was a bust.

The academy's first singles player, junior Emily Urda, suffered a wrist injury the day prior during the WPIAL Section 7 singles Tournament. The school's third singles player, Rachel Lenchner, was also out after minor surgery.

Everything else fell into place - in favor of the Lady Quakers.

"We had to completely revamp everything yesterday," said SA head coach Christi Hays. "Otherwise we would match up all the way down the line."

With Urda and Lenchner sidelined, SA freshman Gabrielle Catanzariti stepped up to compete against section singles champion Cate Stewart, a sophomore

who replaced last year's WPIAL and PIAA champion, Annie Houghton, who is injured, in the line up. The match took on extra significance as Catanzariti, who came in third in the section tournament last week, would most likely face Stewart in the AA preliminaries Monday if Urda's injury kept her sidelined.

Catanzariti, who is ranked 15th in the USTA Middle States 16 category, acknowledged the Lady Quakers would be some of the toughest competition at WPIALS this year.

"I know most of the players because I see them in tournaments," she said. "It's going to be really hard."

Stewart, Sewickley Herald's Athlete of the Week, went a long way to prove that during last Wednesday's section match, defeating Catanzariti decisively 6-0, 6-3.

"I wasn't sure if Annie would play," Stewart said of the preseason, noting that sophomore Sarah Richman was also a likely candidate to take the first singles slot. "But, I was definitely ready to play."

Ever since, the Quakers have relied heavily on their new star.

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SARAH RICHMAN, QV sophomore, serves during a section match against SA.

Photo by Tim Edmonson

### Thought for the Week

At all ages and at all stages of life, fear presents a problem to everyone at one time or another. "We are largely the playthings of our fears," wrote British author Horace Walpole many years ago. "To one, fear of the dark; to another, of physical pain; to a third, of public ridicule; to a fourth, of poverty; to a fifth, of loneliness - for all of us our particular creature waits in ambush."

Yet, fear is often a most useful emotion. Fears are normal and can actually be healthy at times. Fear enables one to take appropriate self-protecting measures, if or when needed. Without these measures we would probably be consumed by our own folly, or the enmity and destructive purposes of others.

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## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

## Stewart wins section, advances to preliminary round

14-year-old Shadyside transfer takes injured Houghton's helm

By Jon Paul Creese

Sports editor

Cate Stewart is not surprised at how much success she is having, but she does find it a bit strange that it's in Class AA, in the first singles slot of last year's state champion.

"I don't know if I'm surprised. I work really hard everyday," she said. "When you work hard, you reap the benefits."

The last minute addition to the Lady Quakers roster had planned to play for AAA Shadyside until the start of the 2005 season.

"The girls on the team act the same. They are very friendly," Stewart said of her new teammates. "It's kind of the same, except this is AA and Shadyside is AAA."

Stewart said the competition was a little tougher last year with matches against teams like Fox Chapel and other

strong AAA schools.

She was a last minute addition to the Lady Quakers this season, and a solid one at that.

Stewart has had great success the past few weeks, including a 6-01, 6-3 win over the Sewickley Academy's Gabrielle Catanzariti, freshman, during a section match and a 6-1, 6-2 victory over the academy's Emily Urda, during the WPIAL Class AA Section 7 Girls' Singles Tournament last week at her old alma mater.

Stewart took the first singles reins from Annie Houghton, last years WPIAL and PIAA champion who is out the entire season with a torn ligament.

Houghton is expected to return in the spring to play on the QV boys' team, according to head coach Ed (Pucky) Perry.

"When I first took over, I thought I had Annie; I was really excited," said first-year head coach Jeff Sebastian. "Everyone wants to have their star player in tact."

It did not take Stewart long to prove herself a fitting replacement.

Cate Stewart

**School:** Quaker Valley  
**Class:** sophomore  
**Accomplishment:** Stewart defeated Emily Urda of the Sewickley Academy to win the WPIAL Section 7 Girls' Singles Tennis Tournament last week.



**"I work really hard everyday. When you work hard, you reap the benefits."**

- Cate Stewart

"You can tell she's been hitting for at least 10 of her 14 years and taking lessons," Sebastian said. "She's a hard, hard worker. She lives for tennis."

She has a great attitude and a great example to the team," he continued. "She's wonderful."

ful."

Stewart, ranked first in the USTA Middle States 14 category and 53rd nationally, felt her game was strong entering the WPIAL AA preliminary rounds this week.

"I want to make states, but I still have the WPIALs to play through," she said. "I hope for my teammates to also have a good year."

And her hopes are already coming to fruition as the undefeated Lady Quakers are gunning for another WPIAL title this year, after winning last year under Houghton's leadership.

"I think we'll win our section, Stewart said. "We have an awesome team."

She was quick to add her gratitude for being part of the team.

"I love everyone on it," she said. "The school is a fit for me, not only in tennis, but academics as well."

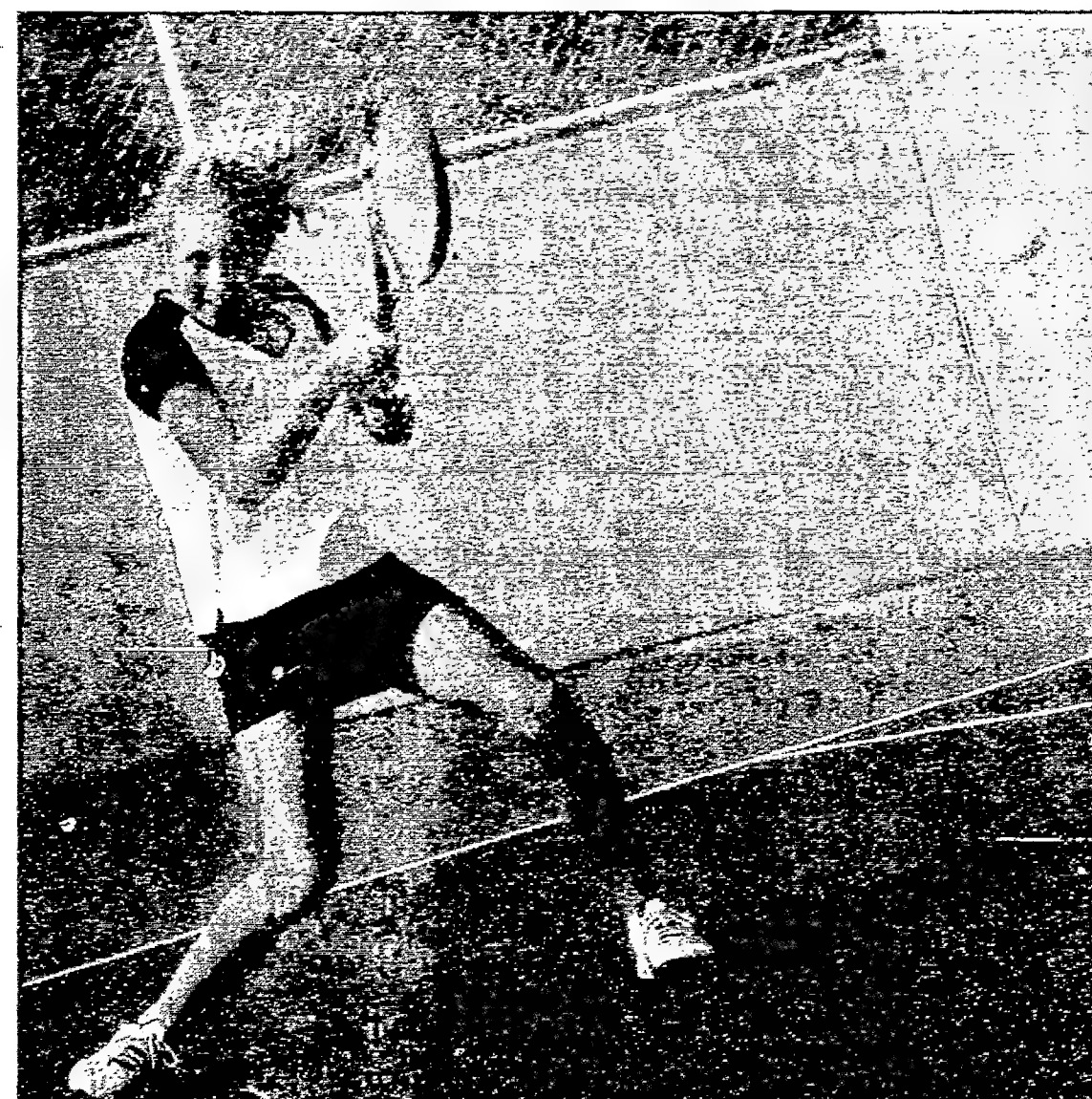
Stewart said the fact that all students at QV receive a laptop makes it possible for her to keep up with a demanding academic/athletic schedule.

Stewart was a favorite for the WPIAL AA Girls' Singles Championships this Monday and Tuesday at Shadyside.

She defeated Brianna Berensson Monday 10-2 before advancing to take on Renee Niklewicz of Blackhawk in the first round later that day (results in next week's Sewickley Herald.)

**■ Editor's Note:** See next week's Sewickley Herald for a full account of QV and SA results of the WPIAL singles matches played at Shadyside Academy.

## GIRLS' TENNIS



**CATE STEWART**, Quaker Valley sophomore and Shadyside transfer, makes a return last Wednesday during a AA Section 7 rivalry match against Sewickley Academy.

Photo by Tim Edmonson

## Lady Quakers defeat SA in section rivalry match

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"I've been playing pretty well lately," she agreed, noting that the competition was even tougher at AAA Shadyside. "I think we'll win the section. We have an awesome team."

The rest of the 4-0 Lady Quakers, a match for SA at its best, went on to dominate a short-staffed academy team.

Richman defeated Anna Zappala 6-1, 6-0 at second singles and QV captain Molley Findlay defeated Tara Sunder 6-1, 6-1.

In first doubles, QV's Kaitlin Wolz and Lindsay Toth defeated Somya Kaushik and Jessica Trainor 6-3, 6-3 and Danielle Piccolo and Brittany Hulings defeated SA's Julia Sponseller and Marian Joy 6-1, 6-0.

"It changes everything," said a modestly celebratory Jeff Sebastian, QV head coach, of the academy roster shake up. "I'm sure they missed [Urda]. Her presence is a difference-maker."

**"We don't have any meltdowns. They work it out on the court themselves."**

- Jeff Sebastian, QV head coach, on the Lady Quakers

But Sebastian, enjoying his first year coaching the Lady Quakers, does not have to be reminded of the level of talent his own girls possess.

"They were pretty consistent. In all of the section matches they were mentally tough," he boasted. "We don't have any meltdowns. They work it out on the court themselves."

Sebastian said there is also no shortage of leaders on the team.

"Some girls lead vocally, some by example," he said. "I like having both. I like what the girls bring to the table."

"We have 15 JV players," he added. "It's good for them to see a good attitude and hard

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## UPCOMING



**ADAM MONTEVERDE**, senior, practices with the Quakers at McNamara Park last week. The Quakers are 4-0 in Section 5 and 4-4 for the season (not including Tuesday's results). See the next issue of Sewickley Herald for updates and preview articles on the QV boys' and girls' (7-0) soccer teams.

Photo by Jon Paul Creese

## QV defeats Beaver

The Quaker Valley termites moved to 2-0 with a hard fought 12-0 win over Beaver on Saturday night.

Isaac Gittleman and Jake Trovato scored scored touch-

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downs for the termites.

The QV midjets lost to the Bobcats in a physical battle

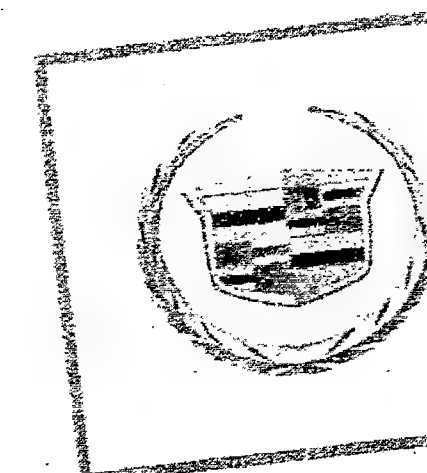
Kyle Benson, playing on a

sprained ankle, ran through a big hole created by the offensive line and sprinted 47 yards for a touchdown.

A few long runs and a touchdown pass by Beaver was the difference in the game.

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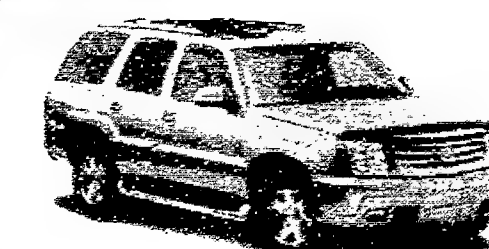
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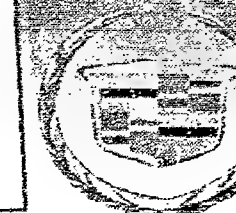
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### GIRLS' TENNIS

## Lady Quakers defeat SA 5-0

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work. It's very refreshing to see that."

Hays, also in her first year as head coach of the only team in the section (and most of AA) that has been able to hold a candle to the Lady Quakers for years, has some reasons to be happy as well.

Not only is she fulfilling a long-time dream, coaching for her alma mater, she is determined to make it last.

"This is a pretty young team," she said. "I would like to stay with them and see them mature and develop."

Hays, a Sewickley Academy and Hollins University hall-of-famer, said the academy will give QV a better run for its money next time around.

"We're looking forward to a rematch," she said.



**GABRIELLE CATANZARITI** prepares to return during a match last week. Catanzariti won a slot at the AA preliminary rounds last week.

Photo by Tim Edmonson

### PEANUT HEAVEN

## Urda nurses wrist injury through preliminary round

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for Monday last.

Urda, who is known for her fierce competitive spirit, refused to discuss her injury at length, and would only ensure she would play in the preliminary round.

"That's not for the papers," she said with vintage MacEnroeic charm in response to queries concerning the severity of her injury, which was set in a brace last Wednesday. "It's frustrating, but I'm going to play."

Urda's frustration came as no surprise, what with having come so far, and with so much on the line.

"I love her intensity," academy head coach Christi Hays smiled in response to the news of Urda's intentions. "That's one of the reasons she's such a great player."

"She's our spiritual leader," she added. "She's our fire."

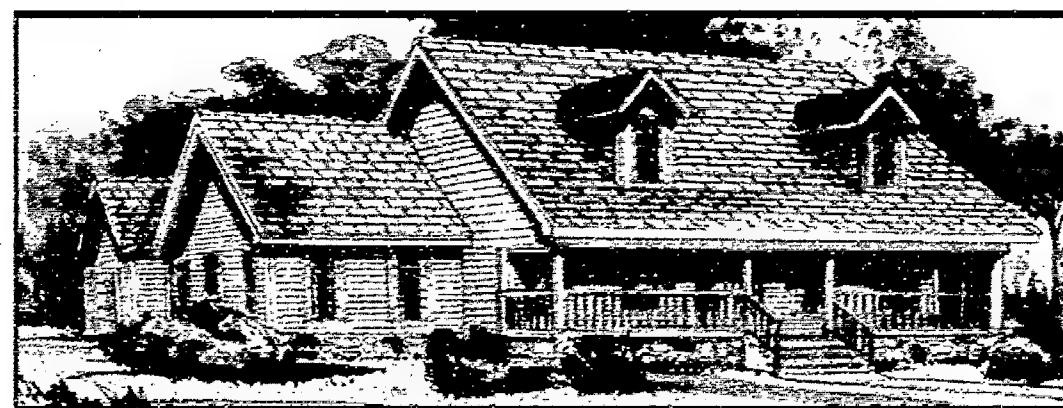
Urda reportedly finished the first round Monday.



Emily Urda

■ Editor's note: As of Monday afternoon, Urda made it to the quarterfinals of the preliminary rounds where she took on Franca Peluso. See next week's Sewickley Herald for results.

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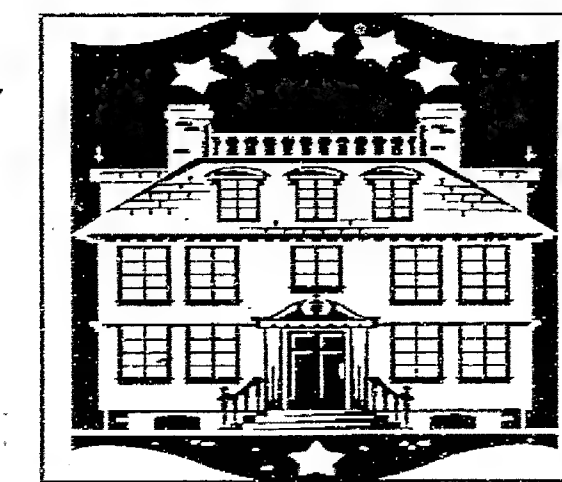
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<b>OSBORNE</b>  This attractive two story Colonial style home is situated on a nicely landscaped level lot just outside the Village area. Features of this wonderful home include a bright eat-in kitchen and first floor laundry. There are 3 bedrooms and 2.5 baths. The inviting rear patio is a great place to relax on warm evenings. There is also a covered breezeway and a 2 car attached garage. Easy access to Village shops, schools and transportation. \$349,500.	<b>SEWICKLEY</b>  This beautifully renovated Dutch Colonial is conveniently located in the central Village. Features of this lovely home include 4 bedrooms and 3.5 baths. The main living area is spacious and includes a large living room, formal dining room and new, well equipped kitchen plus a first floor laundry area. There is also a lower level family room and office area. The yard is fenced and includes a pretty stone patio. Call for appointment. \$399,900.	<b>ALEPPO TOWNSHIP</b>  Exceptional townhome located on a pretty cul-de-sac and bordered by woods. The living area includes a large living room, formal dining room, wonderful eat-in kitchen, family room with fireplace and a first floor master suite with a remodeled bath including hardwood floors, granite counters and a large shower. There are two additional bedrooms and a den on the upper level. Large deck off the family room. 2 car garage and much more. \$369,000.

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<b>BELL ACRES PERFECTION</b>  Wonderfully sited on a wooded, cul-de-sac lot, this beautifully maintained Colonial encompasses all the features that make it a top choice for today's lifestyles. Welcoming foyer leads to the spacious living room and dining room. Cherry kitchen with top-of-the-line appliances and eating area, open to the relaxing family room and adjacent covered deck. Four bedrooms and 2.5 bathrooms including the master bedroom suite with dressing room and private bath. Call today for all the additional details. Guen Larson 412-741-2200 \$515,000	<b>1854 GLENN MITCHELL ROAD</b>  <b>OPEN SUN 1-4</b> Wonderful two-story newer brick Provincial just minutes to the Village in Sewickley Heights. Formal living room and dining room with hardwood floors. Equipped kitchen with white cabinets and breakfast area. Built-in units in the den, family room with beamed ceiling and access to the partially covered deck. Elegant master suite with whirlpool bath and walk-in closet. A total of four bedrooms and 3.5 baths. Lower level with stone faced fireplace, wet bar and full bath. This home is just waiting to be called your own! Betty Moraca 412-741-2200 \$559,500	<b>SEWICKLEY HEIGHTS COLONIAL</b>  Gracious Colonial in the center of Sewickley Heights with a welcoming county lane approach. Bright and airy foyer with views of the terrace and gardens and open stairway to the second floor. Magnificent living room, dining room and family room, perfect for entertaining. Main level den with full bathroom. Tabletop lot with serene pavilion and pool. Experience the solitude, yet quite access to the Village. Betty Moraca 412-741-2200 \$1,195,000





# SEWICKLEY REAL ESTATE

## HOME OF THE WEEK

## Highview Drive home features prime updates throughout

Well sited on three private acres, this spacious brick colonial offers five bedrooms and three and one-half baths.

Other features include an open floor plan, first floor den, hardwood floors, updated

kitchen with granite counter tops and new master bath with large marble shower.

This home, offered at \$540,000, has been tastefully updated by the present owners, keeping everything neutral,

light and bright.

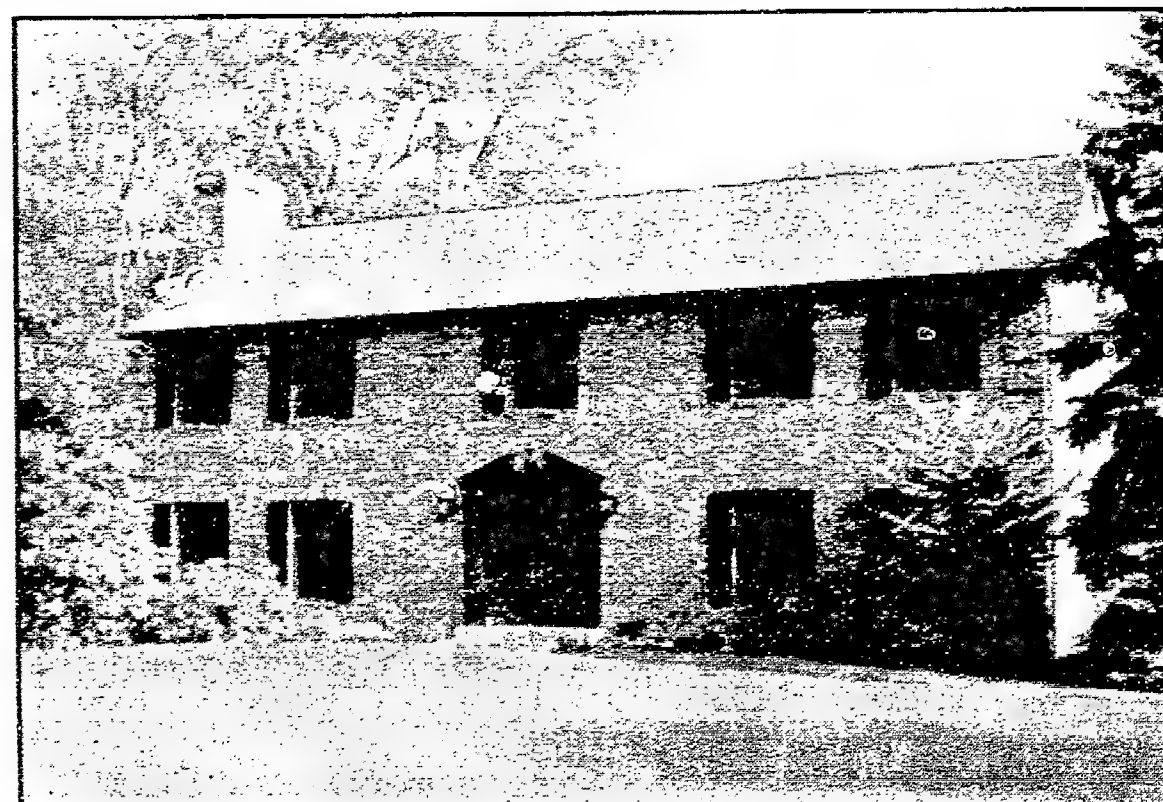
An added feature is the in-ground pool with hot tub that is very private.

This home is complete with a two-car garage with storage, workbench and utility sink.

It is within walking distance to Sewickley Heights Golf Club, and minutes to the Village of Sewickley.

Pittsburgh is a quick commute via 279, 79, or Rt. 65. The airport is 20 minutes away.

For more information or a tour of this Highview Drive home, call Angie Haskell of Howard Hanna Sewickley at 412-741-2200, Ext. 225.



## Best FALL Buys

**SEWICKLEY**  
A Diamond in the Rough! Wonderful 105 year old brick home with original woodwork, entry, built-in bench, hardwood floors, leaded & stained glass & beautiful porch. Includes extra lot to build garage! Must See! BL#67445  
Penny Bobincheck \$360,000

**QUAKER HEIGHTS**  
Updated 3 BR, 2 1/2 Bath Split Level / 2 car grg. Hardwood & ceramic floors. Light & Bright. Game Room / fireplace. Large Covered Patio. New Roof. Nice Yard. Must see to appreciate! BL#49345  
Penny Bobincheck \$174,900

**QUAKER HEIGHTS**  
This maintenance free brick & vinyl 2 story w/ 4 BR, 2 1/2 Bath is warm & welcoming. Ceramic tile flrs, an Oak Kitchen / all appliances, a 16'x16' partially covered deck, and a whirlpool tub are just some of the updates. Must see to appreciate! BL#40735  
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**LEETSDALE**  
Great Buy in the Quaker Valley School District! 3 Bedrooms, Living Room / Built-In Bookcases, Formal Dining Room / Built-In China Cabinet, 2 Lovely Porches, 1 Car Detached Garage, Extra Lot. BL#56295  
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**SEWICKLEY**  
Great 4BR, 2 bath with new windows, furnace & AC. Includes the old world charm of 9' ceilings, decorative fireplaces, & original woodwork. 2 CAR GARAGE!! Walk to "The Village". Must see to appreciate. BL#37285  
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Beautiful Victorian in the heart of Sewickley! Unique kitchen is a must see. Located on a fenced corner lot, home features 6 bedrooms and 2 baths, a garage and off street parking.  
**Robin Ross \$348,000**

Exceptional home in Pine Richland School district, blending elegant detailing and sensible appointments for today's lifestyle. Two story entry, 4 seasons room, cathedral, skylights, moldings, hardwoods, den, gameroom and 3-car garage.  
**John Urban \$379,900**

Marvelous brick Tudor style 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath home on a corner lot in Emsworth. Large side yard and garden. Huge deck and parking pad. Hardwood floors in most rooms. Living room with fireplace!  
**Rich Xander \$134,900**

Solidly built four bedroom, 1.5 bath home. Dining room with a stone fireplace. 22x14 Florida room off the finished basement. Workshop in the basement.  
**Rich Xander \$159,900**

## IN THE NEWS

### Hanna features new Sunday tour

On Sunday, Sept. 25, Howard Hanna Real Estate Services will present "Affordable Homes Sunday."

The focus of the day is more affordable homes and first-time home buyers.

Throughout the area, open houses will be held at homes priced at \$250,000 and under.

This type of open house event will give people the chance to see many different affordable homes.

"Contrary to popular belief, mortgage interest rates remain near their lowest levels in the last 40 years," said Mark Steele, president of Howard Hanna Mortgage Services.

"Thirty-year fixed rates remain below 6 percent making home ownership today extremely affordable."

Open house listings for "Affordable Homes Sunday" will be published in the Sunday, Sept. 25, newspapers and also at HYPERLINK "http://www.howardhanna.com" www.howardhanna.com.

## OVGH offers classes in October

The following classes are being offered at Ohio Valley General Hospital during the month of October.

• Pre-natal Class - Saturday, Oct. 1, at 9 a.m. in the hospital's board room.

This is a one-time class for expectant parents on the signs of labor, anesthesia and fetal monitoring. It is recommended for those in seventh or eighth month of pregnancy.

Call 412-777-6272 to register.

• Infant Care Class - Saturday, Oct. 1, at 10:30 a.m. in the hospital's board room.

This class will provide information for those in the seventh month of pregnancy about caring for a baby through proper feeding, bathing and handling.

Call 412-777-6272 to register.

• Breastfeeding Class - Saturday, Oct. 1, at 12:45 p.m. in the hospital's board room.

This is a one-time class for expectant mothers on breastfeeding techniques and the advantages of breastfeeding.

Call 412-777-6272 to register.

• Sibling Class - Saturday, Oct. 1, at 3 p.m. in the obstetrics suite on the third floor.

This class helps to prepare youngsters to welcome their new brother or sister into the family.

Call 412-777-6272 to register.

## HEALTH

• Cancer Caring Support Group - Tuesday, Oct. 4, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. All cancer patients and family members are welcome.

The group session is free but registration is required by calling 412-688-1212.

• Living Well with Diabetes - Tuesday, Oct. 4, 11 and 18, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the hospital's cafeteria conference room.

The class will be repeated Wednesday, Oct. 26, Nov. 2, 9 and 16, from 6 to 8:15 p.m. in the hospital's first floor conference room.

This class educates individuals to improve diabetes self management.

Topics to be included are nutrition, exercise, stress, medication, blood glucose monitoring, prevention, detection and treatment of high and low blood sugar and long term complications.

Registration is required. Call 412-777-6205 for more information.

• Smoking Cessation Classes - Wednesday, Oct. 5, at 7 p.m. in the W. Laird Davis Center of Learning.

This free six-week program is sponsored by Tobacco Free Allegheny County and the St. Rox Health Center.

Registration is required by calling Bev Hinzman at 412-771-2810.

• Infant and Child Care CPR/AED - Thursday, Oct. 6, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. in the W. Laird Davis Center of Learning Room 402.

Registration is required. Call 412-777-6271 for more information or to register. The cost is \$50.

• Heartsaver CPR/AED - Monday, Oct. 17, from 1 to 4 p.m. in the W. Laird Davis Center of Learning Room 402. Registration is required. Call 412-777-6271 for more information. The cost is \$50.

• Healthcare Provider CPR - Tuesday, Oct. 18 from noon to 3 p.m. in the W. Laird Davis Center of Learning Room 402.

This class is offered for community nurses, physicians, dentists, lifeguards. Registration is required. Call 412-777-6271 for more information or to register. The cost is \$50.

• Weight Watchers - Mondays, Oct. 3, 10, 17 and 24, at 6 p.m. in the W. Laird Davis Center of Learning Auditorium. No registration is necessary. Call 1-800-651-6000.

## AT THE Y

### Stay active, stay involved

These new classes have begun at the Sewickley Valley YMCA.

#### Y GRINDERS

Do you like to skateboard, rollerblade or ride a scooter? If so, then meet at the Y's rear tennis court for ramps and rails that will challenge your skill level.

All participants are required to wear a helmet, elbow pads or wrist guards and knee pads.

Parents must sign a release form.

The class will be held through Oct. 26 on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

The cost for members is \$31; others pay \$62.

#### VENTURING CLUB

This program will give students in grades 6-12 the opportunity to attend 6-10 events in the year 2006, including final 2005 events.

Events may include a low ropes challenge course, skiing, laser tag, wall climbing and much more.

Members will help to determine the events and the dates.

Your registration fee will be used for transportation and discounts.

The cost for members is \$11; others pay \$22.

#### GIRLS ON THE MOVE

Join the after-school program developed for Quaker Valley 6th-8th grade girls who enjoy meeting new friends, fun, exercises, games and running.

Register even if you cannot attend every time.

Girls will meet at 3:15 p.m. in the lobby area of the QVMS near the school office.

Girls will have the option of participating in a local run/walk event.

Staff will have a cell phone and carry first aid.

When there's no school or an early dismissal, the program will not operate.

The program will run until Nov. 3 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:15-4:30 p.m.

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(3015951, 9-21, 28, 10-5-05)

**2020 BID NOTICES**

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**  
Sealed bids shall be hand delivered or mailed to the North Fayette Township Municipal Building, 400 North Branch Road, Oakdale, PA 15071, until 9:00 a.m. prevailing time on October 10, 2005, for providing all labor and material for the Nobletown Road Retaining Wall project located in North Fayette Township, Allegheny County, PA.  
The scope of work for this project generally consists of the construction of a soldier beam and lagging wall with approximate dimensions of 60' long and 13' high with all incidental construction located near the eastern intersection of Nobletown Road and Dempse Street in North Fayette Township.  
Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the North Fayette Township Municipal Building, 400 North Branch Road, Oakdale, PA 15071, at 10:00 a.m. prevailing time on October 10, 2005.  
The Contract Documents may be examined at the North Fayette Township Municipal Building and obtained from the Engineer as follows:  
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724-495-4085  
Copies of the Contract Documents can be picked up at the above office for a non-refundable fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00), or will be mailed to any prospective bidder upon depositing with the Engineer a non-refundable fee of one hundred twenty dollars (\$120.00) for each set of documents requested.  
Bids must be submitted on prescribed forms furnished with the bid documents. The bid proposal must be accompanied by a Bid Bond, with an original Power of Attorney, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount of ten (10) percent of the bid proposal made in favor of North Fayette Township. Facsimiles will not be accepted and will provide cause for rejection of the bid.  
The Contractor must comply with Prevailing Minimum Wage Rates.  
No bidder shall withdraw his bid for a period of sixty (60) days from the date of bid opening. North Fayette Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities, and to award contracts deemed to be in the best interest of the Township.  
North Fayette Township  
Robert T. Grimm  
Township Manager  
(3019186, 9-21, 28-05)

**BOROUGH OF SEWICKLEY PUBLIC NOTICE**  
The Borough of Sewickley is accepting applications for the following commission and authority positions for the Borough:  
Civil Service Commission (2 positions) 3 Year Term/1 Year Term  
Borough of Sewickley Water Authority 5 Year Term  
Anyone applying for a position on the above mentioned commission or authority is asked to submit an application to the Borough of Sewickley Municipal Building, 601 Thorn Street, Sewickley, PA. All applications are due by September 30, 2005.  
BOROUGH OF SEWICKLEY  
Kevin M. Flannery  
Borough Manager/Secretary  
(3015580, 9-21-05)

**I. BOROUGH OF SEWICKLEY WATER AUTHORITY**  
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**FURNISHING WATER TREATMENT PLANT CHEMICALS**  
Sealed proposals for chemicals required for the water treatment plant will be taken. The Authority is taking bids for chemicals for the year 2005 with an option for the Authority to select a two-year contract for the years 2006 and 2007. The alternate bids are being taken to determine if any cost savings exists from a longer term contract. Bids will be received by the Borough of Sewickley Water Authority of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania at the Water

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**BOROUGH OF SEWICKLEY OFFICIAL NOTICE**  
The Zoning Hearing Board, Borough of Sewickley, will hear the following appeals and/or variances for the same on October 4, 2005 at 7:30 P.M., at the Municipal Building, 601 Thorn Street, Sewickley, PA 15143.  
Mark Zappala, agent for the owner, Beaver Hall Associates, LP, of the property at 808 & 620 Beaver St., Block & Lot # 421-F-297 & 421-F-307, in the R-2 Zoning District, propose to erect a multi-family complex and seek relief from Chapter 27 of the Sewickley Code of Ordinances Part 2 Section 208 Table (Dimensional Requirements), Part 2 Section 206 #1 (Lot Area Requirements) & Part 3 Section 305 Table 3 (Off-Street Parking).  
Ann Barbour Gould, owner of the property at 320 Chestnut St., Block & Lot # 421-E-151, in the R-1A Zoning District, requests an appeal of the decision of the Zoning Officer. Applicant seeks relief from Chapter 27 of the Sewickley Code of Ordinances Part 3 Section 307 (Fences, Walls & Hedges).  
Richard & Kristen Saladino, owners of the property at 715 Beaver St. Block & Lot # 421-F-63, in the R-1A Zoning District, propose to erect a garage and seek relief from Chapter 27 of the Sewickley Code of Ordinances Part 2 Section 208 Table 2 (Dimensional Requirements).  
Robert & Lillian Karasek, owners of the property at 819 Beaver St. Block & Lot # 421-F-96, in the R-1A Zoning District, propose to erect an addition and seeks relief from Chapter 27 of the Sewickley Code of Ordinances Part 5 Section 501 #C (Non-conformities).  
People who wish to comment, may do so at the above scheduled public hearing. A copy of the Sewickley Borough Zoning Code is available for public use at the Sewickley Public Library or at the Borough Manager's Office. The Building Permit application is available for review at the Office of Building Inspections  
Michael M. Lyons

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## — Communication systems valuable to consumers —

(NAPSI)—An estimated 1.3 million Americans had their vehicles stolen last year, according to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's annual Uniform Crime Report.

After years of steady decline in the '90s, victims of motor vehicle thefts lost an estimated \$8.6 billion in 2003.

As police agencies across the country look for new ways to crack down on this nagging problem, consumers are encouraged to take active measures to deter auto theft.

The National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB), a non-profit organization dedicated to fighting insurance fraud and vehicle theft, recommends a multi-layer of protection to deter car thieves.

The suggestions include not leaving keys in the car, locking doors, parking in well-lit areas and using visual and audio deterrents, such as steering wheel locks and car alarms.

In-vehicle safety and communication systems are another option



for motorists and are becoming more common in new vehicles.

General Motors' OnStar system, used by three million subscribers, uses Global Positioning System (GPS) and wireless technologies to respond to about 500 stolen vehicle requests a month.

OnStar advisors work closely with police dispatchers, passing along critical information to help guide authorities to the location of a stolen vehicle.

One person who realized the

value of owning a vehicle equipped with an in-vehicle safety system was Ralford Brown. When his 2004 Hummer H2 was stolen from the driveway of his home in Tennessee, Brown called the local sheriff's department to report the theft.

After filing a police report, the sheriff's department called OnStar to assist in the recovery of the vehicle.

OnStar Advisor Lewis Baldwin used the vehicle's embedded GPS system to pinpoint the its where-

abouts. By then, the car had been driven across the state line into Sharonville, Ohio.

Once authorities recovered the vehicle and apprehended the suspect, they learned he was also one of America's most-wanted fugitives.

"Electronic vehicle locating systems can help reduce the amount of the time it takes police to locate a stolen vehicle and apprehend the suspects," said Col. Paul McClellan, superintendent of the Ohio State Highway Patrol. "Our goal is to get the owner's vehicle back before it's been damaged. Citizens can help by taking the best precautions to help deter theft."

For the 2006 model year, three million GM vehicles in North America will be equipped with the OnStar in-vehicle safety and communications system.

The number of such vehicles is expected to grow incrementally, up from 1.4 million in 2004 and 2.2 million in the 2005 model years.

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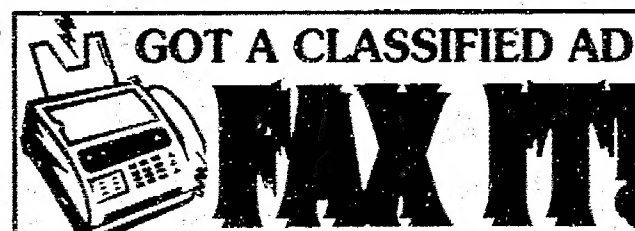
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